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FINANCE COMMITMENTS **South Australia**

<i>Secured housing finance commitments to individuals</i>						
<i>Construction and purchase of dwellings</i>						
<i>Period</i>	<i>Number of dwelling units</i>	<i>Amount (\$ million)</i>	<i>Alterations and additions (\$ million)</i>	<i>Personal finance commitments (\$ million)</i>	<i>Commercial finance commitments (\$ million)</i>	<i>Lease finance commitments (\$ million)</i>
ANNUAL						
1985-86	21,714	920.1	48.9	1,203.9	3,492.7	339.8
1986-87	21,658	965.5	47.1	1,222.4	4,242.8	334.5
1987-88	26,582	1,266.6	47.0	1,448.9	6,486.6	392.1
1988-89	29,977	1,574.2	51.4	1,534.1	7,285.5	512.4
1989-90	25,650	1,438.2	45.8	1,525.7	6,926.4	445.4
1990-91	28,694	1,731.3	58.8	1,503.6	6,257.0	323.2
1991-92	31,765	2,083.8	88.8	1,456.7	6,667.9	256.2
1992-93	36,960	2,569.5	102.8	1,656.9	5,122.5	249.5
1993-94	45,725	3,387.9	221.8	1,840.3	5,467.2	250.6
1994-95	36,429	2,879.7	242.2	2,152.2	5,405.6	271.4
1995-96	38,707	2,982.2	240.7	2,211.5	6,516.2	265.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR						
1986-87	-0.3	4.9	-3.7	1.5	21.5	-1.6
1987-88	22.7	31.2	-0.2	18.5	52.9	17.2
1988-89	12.8	24.3	9.4	5.9	12.3	30.7
1989-90	-14.4	-8.6	-10.9	-0.5	-4.9	-13.1
1990-91	11.9	20.4	28.4	-1.4	-9.7	-27.4
1991-92	10.7	20.4	51.0	-3.1	6.6	-20.7
1992-93	16.4	23.3	15.8	13.7	-23.2	-2.6
1993-94	23.7	31.9	115.7	11.1	6.7	0.5
1994-95	-20.3	-15.0	9.2	16.9	-1.1	8.3
1995-96	6.3	3.6	-0.6	2.8	20.5	-2.2
MONTHLY						
1995 - 96 -						
January	2,965	226.9	17.4	175.6	562.2	13.0
February	3,482	264.6	20.6	179.2	447.5	23.5
March	3,694	284.8	23.2	186.1	542.7	25.4
April	3,271	249.5	18.3	175.1	604.8	16.5
May	3,276	252.0	18.9	192.4	773.7	24.8
June	2,707	213.6	26.1	182.0	627.7	31.3
1996 - 97 -						
July	3,013	237.8	21.7	188.3	656.7	22.8
August	2,776	216.9	18.8	180.8	444.0	18.9
September	3,064	250.6	19.4	175.0	491.6	22.2
October	2,965	233.6	14.0	203.6	444.8	15.3
November	3,115	248.1	14.2	188.8	541.7	17.8
December	2,995	251.5	13.1	220.7	615.6	19.2
January	2,885	231.3	15.3	221.0	409.1	13.7
February	3,013	246.6	16.4	214.4	415.3	15.3
March	3,123	251.9	12.9	242.0	526.6	13.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH						
1995 - 96 -						
February	17.4	16.6	18.1	2.0	-20.4	80.2
March	6.1	7.6	12.8	3.8	21.3	8.2
April	-11.5	-12.4	-20.9	-5.9	11.4	-34.9
May	0.2	1.0	3.2	9.8	27.9	50.1
June	-17.4	-15.2	37.9	-5.4	-18.9	26.2
1996 - 97 -						
July	11.3	11.3	-16.8	3.4	4.6	-27.1
August	-7.9	-8.8	-13.4	-4.0	-32.4	-17.2
September	10.4	15.5	3.4	-3.2	10.7	17.8
October	-3.2	-6.8	-27.9	16.3	-9.5	-31.2
November	5.1	6.2	1.6	-7.3	21.8	16.6
December	-3.9	1.4	-8.4	16.9	13.6	7.7
January	-3.7	-8.0	17.5	0.1	-33.5	-28.6
February	4.4	6.6	7.0	-3.0	1.5	11.5
March	3.7	2.1	-21.5	12.9	26.8	-8.7

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES South Australia

Period	Full-time adults						All employees		
	Ordinary time earnings			Total earnings					
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
ANNUAL AVERAGE (\$ per week)									
1985-86	406.30	340.50	388.30	431.80	346.60	408.40	389.00	252.70	334.50
1986-87	431.80	363.70	412.20	455.90	370.20	431.20	411.80	268.90	352.20
1987-88	458.60	389.70	438.40	485.00	397.00	459.20	440.10	295.10	379.60
1988-89	481.50	424.30	465.70	517.60	435.10	494.90	473.40	315.10	408.50
1989-90	517.50	454.90	499.40	560.70	466.50	533.50	511.60	338.00	437.80
1990-91	561.30	486.10	537.90	598.90	496.10	566.90	546.70	358.10	462.00
1991-92	588.40	524.10	567.80	624.90	534.00	595.80	564.80	386.90	483.70
1992-93	610.10	534.90	585.40	646.40	546.80	613.70	560.00	382.60	477.40
1993-94	625.10	547.60	600.00	667.50	560.10	632.70	595.10	396.60	503.30
1994-95	632.70	559.10	608.20	681.70	572.50	645.30	599.90	411.90	513.40
1995-96	653.80	555.90	622.80	703.15	568.50	660.05	620.10	403.90	520.65
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1986-87	6.3	6.8	6.2	5.6	6.8	5.6	5.9	6.4	5.3
1987-88	6.2	7.1	6.4	6.4	7.2	6.5	6.9	9.7	7.8
1988-89	5.0	8.9	6.2	6.7	9.6	7.8	7.6	6.8	7.6
1989-90	7.5	7.2	7.2	8.3	7.2	7.8	8.1	7.3	7.2
1990-91	8.5	6.9	7.7	6.8	6.3	6.3	6.9	5.9	5.5
1991-92	4.8	7.8	5.6	4.3	7.6	5.1	3.3	8.0	4.7
1992-93	3.7	2.1	3.1	3.4	2.4	3.0	-0.8	-1.1	-1.3
1993-94	2.5	2.4	2.5	3.3	2.4	3.1	6.3	3.7	5.4
1994-95	1.2	2.1	1.4	2.1	2.2	2.0	0.8	3.9	2.0
1995-96	3.3	-0.6	2.4	3.1	-0.7	2.3	3.4	-1.9	1.4
QUARTERLY (\$ per week)									
1994 - 95 -									
19 August	628.20	553.70	602.60	674.20	566.70	637.20	591.40	410.80	507.40
18 November	619.10	558.00	598.60	667.50	572.80	635.70	586.90	410.20	505.10
17 February	648.40	560.80	619.90	699.90	572.80	658.50	620.10	415.80	527.90
19 May	635.10	563.90	611.70	685.20	577.80	649.90	601.10	410.80	513.30
1995 - 96 -									
18 August	639.90	560.10	613.80	684.50	571.80	647.60	600.80	408.60	510.20
17 November	647.60	549.20	616.10	693.10	560.90	650.90	607.60	396.30	510.60
16 February	658.90	557.20	626.30	713.60	569.50	667.30	631.40	402.40	527.20
17 May	668.90	557.10	633.80	721.40	571.80	674.40	640.50	408.30	534.60
1996 - 97 -									
16 August	666.70	562.40	632.40	720.10	574.40	672.30	628.50	403.60	523.60
15 November	669.60	575.30	639.50	728.30	591.80	684.80	626.80	402.30	522.20
21 February	685.60	578.20	649.70	741.90	594.00	692.40	639.80	409.50	530.80
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING REFERENCE DATE IN PREVIOUS YEAR									
1995 - 96 -									
18 August	1.9	1.2	1.9	1.5	0.9	1.6	1.6	-0.5	0.6
17 November	4.6	-1.6	2.9	3.8	-2.1	2.4	3.5	-3.4	1.1
16 February	1.6	-0.6	1.0	2.0	-0.6	1.3	1.8	-3.2	-0.1
17 May	5.3	-1.2	3.6	5.3	-1.0	3.8	6.6	-0.6	4.1
1996 - 97 -									
16 August	4.2	0.4	3.0	5.2	0.5	3.8	4.6	-1.2	2.6
15 November	3.4	4.8	3.8	5.1	5.5	5.2	3.2	1.5	2.3
21 February	4.1	3.8	3.7	4.0	4.3	3.8	1.3	1.8	0.7
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS REFERENCE DATE									
1994 - 95 -									
18 November	-1.4	0.8	-0.7	-1.0	1.1	-0.2	-0.8	-0.1	-0.5
17 February	4.7	0.5	3.6	4.9	0.0	3.6	5.7	1.4	4.5
19 May	-2.1	0.6	-1.3	-2.1	0.9	-1.3	-3.1	-1.2	-2.8
1995 - 96 -									
18 August	0.8	-0.7	0.3	-0.1	-1.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.5	-0.6
17 November	1.2	-1.9	0.4	1.3	-1.9	0.5	1.1	-3.0	0.1
16 February	1.7	1.5	1.7	3.0	1.5	2.5	3.9	1.5	3.3
17 May	1.5	0.0	1.2	1.1	0.4	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.4
1996 - 97 -									
16 August	-0.3	1.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	-0.3	-1.9	-1.2	-2.1
15 November	0.4	2.3	1.1	1.1	3.0	1.9	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
21 February	2.4	0.5	1.6	1.9	0.4	1.1	2.1	1.8	1.6

LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER
South Australia

Period	Civilian Population aged 15 and over Males (000)	Civilian Population aged 15 and over Females (000)	Unemploy- ment rate Ages 15-19 Persons (%)	Unemploy- ment rate All Ages Males (%)	Unemploy- ment rate All Ages Females (%)	Unemploy- ment rate All Ages Persons (%)	Partici- pation rate Males (%)	Partici- pation rate Females (%)	Partici- pation rate Persons (%)
ANNUAL AVERAGE									
1985-86	526.9	545.6	20.6	8.2	8.8	8.4	75.6	46.8	60.5
1986-87	534.8	552.4	22.1	8.9	9.1	9.0	74.4	48.5	61.3
1987-88	542.4	560.0	20.8	8.8	9.1	8.9	73.5	48.9	61.0
1988-89	547.9	566.9	17.8	7.9	7.9	7.9	74.3	50.0	62.0
1989-90	552.4	573.4	16.2	6.9	7.2	7.1	74.6	50.6	62.4
1990-91	558.3	579.8	19.2	9.1	8.4	8.8	74.7	51.6	63.0
1991-92	563.9	585.4	25.0	12.1	9.9	11.2	72.9	50.7	61.6
1992-93	567.4	588.9	26.6	12.6	10.0	11.5	72.8	51.0	61.7
1993-94	570.6	592.0	28.3	11.5	9.8	10.8	71.7	51.2	61.3
1994-95	573.7	594.7	25.2	10.9	9.2	10.2	71.5	52.4	61.8
1995-96	576.2	597.1	27.2	10.3	8.3	9.5	71.7	52.4	61.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, ANNUAL AVERAGE									
1986-87	1.5	1.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1987-88	1.4	1.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1988-89	1.0	1.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1989-90	0.8	1.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1990-91	1.1	1.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1991-92	1.0	1.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1992-93	0.6	0.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1993-94	0.6	0.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1994-95	0.6	0.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1995-96	0.4	0.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL									
1995 - 96 -									
February	576.5	597.5	30.5	11.2	9.5	10.5	72.3	52.3	62.1
March	576.7	597.7	26.6	10.2	8.6	9.5	71.5	52.6	61.9
April	577.0	598.0	24.6	10.2	8.5	9.5	71.7	53.0	62.2
May	577.3	598.2	27.3	10.1	8.4	9.4	70.7	53.2	61.8
June	577.6	598.5	22.4	9.3	7.5	8.5	70.6	53.0	61.7
1996 - 97 -									
July	578.0	598.9	24.1	9.3	8.1	8.8	70.7	53.2	61.8
August	578.4	599.2	23.8	10.2	8.4	9.4	70.4	52.9	61.5
September	578.8	599.6	23.7	10.5	8.6	9.7	70.6	53.5	61.9
October	579.1	599.9	20.7	10.0	8.5	9.3	70.4	53.2	61.7
November	579.5	600.2	22.2	10.1	8.0	9.2	70.8	52.3	61.4
December	579.8	600.5	25.9	9.9	9.1	9.6	71.6	53.6	62.5
January	580.0	600.7	22.9	10.9	9.2	10.2	70.9	52.2	61.4
February	580.3	601.0	23.5	10.7	9.4	10.1	71.1	53.7	62.2
March	580.5	601.2	22.7	10.0	9.1	9.6	71.5	53.8	62.5
April	580.8	601.5	n.y.a.	10.6	8.6	9.7	71.1	53.0	61.9
MONTHLY, TREND									
1995 - 96 -									
February	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.3	8.4	9.4	71.6	52.3	61.8
March				10.3	8.4	9.4	71.5	52.5	61.9
April				10.2	8.4	9.4	71.4	52.8	61.9
May				10.1	8.4	9.4	71.2	53.0	61.9
June				10.0	8.5	9.4	71.1	53.1	61.9
1996 - 97 -									
July				10.0	8.6	9.4	70.9	53.2	61.9
August				10.1	8.7	9.4	70.8	53.2	61.9
September				10.1	8.7	9.5	70.7	53.1	61.8
October				10.2	8.7	9.5	70.7	53.1	61.7
November				10.2	8.6	9.5	70.6	53.1	61.7
December				10.2	8.6	9.5	70.7	53.1	61.7
January				10.1	8.5	9.4	70.8	53.1	61.8
February				10.2	8.5	9.4	70.9	53.2	61.9
March				10.3	8.5	9.5	71.0	53.3	62.0
April				10.4	8.5	9.5	71.1	53.3	62.0

LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION
South Australia

Period	Employed Full-time Males	Employed Full-time Females	Employed Part-time Males	Employed Part-time Females	Employed Total Males	Employed Total Females	Unem- ployed Males	Unem- ployed Females	Labour Force Males	Labour Force Females
ANNUAL AVERAGE ('000)										
1986-87	337.1	137.0	25.4	106.6	362.5	243.6	35.6	24.5	398.1	268.1
1987-88	334.4	137.4	29.3	111.6	363.7	249.0	35.1	24.9	398.8	273.9
1988-89	345.5	145.3	29.7	115.8	375.2	261.1	32.2	22.5	407.4	283.6
1989-90	352.0	149.3	31.5	119.8	383.5	269.1	28.5	20.9	412.0	290.0
1990-91	345.2	148.4	34.1	125.7	379.3	274.1	37.8	25.3	417.1	299.4
1991-92	323.3	145.7	37.5	121.6	360.8	267.3	50.0	29.3	410.8	296.6
1992-93	322.2	143.2	39.2	126.8	361.4	270.0	51.9	29.9	413.3	299.9
1993-94	322.0	146.3	40.0	127.0	362.0	273.3	47.3	29.9	409.3	303.2
1994-95	323.1	151.5	42.6	131.3	365.7	282.8	44.6	28.7	410.3	311.5
1995-96	325.2	150.0	45.5	136.7	370.7	286.7	42.6	26.0	413.2	312.7
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, ANNUAL AVERAGE										
1987-88	-0.8	0.3	15.4	4.7	0.3	2.2	1.4	1.6	0.2	2.2
1988-89	3.3	5.7	1.4	3.8	3.2	4.9	-8.3	-9.6	2.2	3.5
1989-90	1.9	2.8	6.1	3.5	2.2	3.1	-11.5	-7.1	1.1	2.3
1990-91	-1.9	-0.6	8.3	4.9	-1.1	1.9	32.6	21.1	1.2	3.2
1991-92	-6.3	-1.8	10.0	-3.3	-4.9	-2.5	32.3	15.8	-1.5	-0.9
1992-93	-0.3	-1.7	4.5	4.3	0.2	1.0	3.8	2.0	0.6	1.1
1993-94	-0.1	2.2	2.0	0.2	0.2	1.2	-8.9	0.0	-1.0	1.1
1994-95	0.3	3.6	6.5	3.4	1.0	3.5	-5.7	-4.0	0.2	2.7
1995-96	0.6	-1.0	6.8	4.1	1.4	1.4	-4.5	-9.4	0.7	0.4
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL ('000)										
1995 - 96 -										
April	321.5	147.1	49.6	143.2	371.1	290.2	42.3	27.0	413.4	317.2
May	322.8	151.3	43.8	140.3	366.6	291.6	41.4	26.8	408.0	318.5
June	322.2	148.2	47.7	145.4	369.9	293.6	38.1	23.7	407.9	317.3
1996 - 97 -										
July	323.7	151.0	47.0	141.6	370.7	292.6	38.2	25.9	408.9	318.5
August	315.9	148.2	49.9	142.0	365.8	290.2	41.3	26.6	407.1	316.8
September	316.7	152.0	49.0	141.5	365.7	293.5	43.0	27.5	408.7	320.9
October	321.0	151.8	45.9	140.5	366.9	292.3	40.7	27.0	407.6	319.4
November	321.0	149.7	47.8	138.9	368.7	288.7	41.3	25.1	410.0	313.7
December	327.6	153.0	46.3	139.7	373.8	292.7	41.3	29.3	415.1	322.0
January	321.3	151.3	44.8	133.5	366.2	284.8	44.9	28.8	411.0	313.6
February	320.5	152.4	47.6	140.0	368.1	292.3	44.2	30.2	412.3	322.5
March	318.6	148.6	54.9	145.6	373.5	294.1	41.6	29.5	415.1	323.6
April	319.9	148.2	49.3	143.2	369.2	291.5	43.8	27.4	413.0	318.8
MONTHLY, TREND ('000)										
1995 - 96 -										
April	324.6	149.8	45.3	139.2	369.9	289.0	42.0	26.4	412.0	315.5
May	323.3	150.1	46.3	140.1	369.6	290.2	41.6	26.7	411.2	316.9
June	322.0	150.6	47.3	140.4	369.3	291.0	41.2	27.0	410.4	318.0
1996 - 97 -										
July	320.7	150.8	48.2	140.5	368.9	291.3	41.0	27.3	409.9	318.7
August	319.7	150.8	48.7	140.4	368.4	291.2	41.2	27.6	409.6	318.9
September	319.4	150.6	48.4	140.4	367.8	291.0	41.5	27.7	409.3	318.7
October	319.5	150.4	48.1	140.4	367.6	290.8	41.7	27.7	409.2	318.5
November	320.1	150.2	47.6	140.7	367.7	290.9	41.7	27.5	409.4	318.4
December	320.7	150.2	47.5	141.0	368.2	291.2	41.6	27.4	409.8	318.6
January	321.3	150.1	47.6	141.7	368.9	291.8	41.6	27.2	410.5	319.0
February	321.5	150.2	48.0	142.2	369.5	292.4	41.9	27.2	411.3	319.6
March	321.6	150.3	48.3	142.7	369.9	293.0	42.3	27.1	412.2	320.2
April	321.5	150.4	48.7	143.0	370.2	293.4	42.7	27.1	412.9	320.5
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND										
1995 - 96 -										
May	-0.4	0.2	2.2	0.6	-0.1	0.4	-1.0	1.1	-0.2	0.4
June	-0.4	0.3	2.2	0.2	-0.1	0.3	-1.0	1.1	-0.2	0.3
1996 - 97 -										
July	-0.4	0.1	1.9	0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.5	1.1	-0.1	0.2
August	-0.3	0.0	1.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.5	1.1	-0.1	0.1
September	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.1
October	0.0	-0.1	-0.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1
November	0.2	-0.1	-1.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.7	0.0	0.0
December	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	0.1	0.1
January	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.7	0.2	0.1
February	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.2
March	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.2	1.0	-0.4	0.2	0.2
April	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.2	0.1

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED CONSUMER ITEMS
Adelaide (cents)

Item	Unit	Quarter				
		Mar. 1996	June 1996	Sept. 1996	Dec. 1996	Mar. 1997
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	114	113	114	116	116
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	334	337	322	318	318
Butter	500g	165	167	160	172	167
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680g	152	141	154	157	153
Self-raising flour	2kg	228	238	243	227	240
Beef: Rump steak	1kg	1,122	1,168	1,123	1,061	1,157
Comed silverside	1kg	637	645	624	625	597
Lamb: Leg	1kg	608	584	586	563	572
Loin chops	1kg	799	812	808	778	799
Forequarter chops	1kg	566	544	555	528	568
Pork: Leg	1kg	598	608	621	617	616
Loin chops	1kg	764	765	778	793	799
Chicken, frozen	1kg	350	348	369	375	351
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	303	289	292	317	325
Sausages	1kg	356	358	351	351	359
Potatoes	1kg	72	70	67	73	78
Onions	1kg	108	74	83	128	134
Peaches, canned	825g	186	189	174	190	182
Eggs, 55g	doz	232	240	239	248	246
Sugar, white	2kg	189	180	182	182	183
Tea	250g	175	159	168	172	169
Coffee, instant, jar	150g	552	528	509	513	500
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500g	141	141	139	143	141
Petrol: Leaded	1 litre	73.6	75.9	73.6	76.1	77.5
Unleaded	1 litre	71.3	73.6	71.3	73.7	75.2

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE
South Australia

Period	Live births(a)	Deaths(a)	Components of population change			Total increase	Population at end of period
			Natural increase	Net migration			
				Interstate	Overseas (b)		
ANNUAL							
1985-86	19,657	10,427	9,230	-1,417	5,084	11,353	1,382,550
1986-87	19,628	10,577	9,051	-3,977	6,200	10,214	1,392,764
1987-88	19,288	10,799	8,489	-1,240	5,952	12,145	1,404,909
1988-89	19,528	10,814	8,664	-221	6,665	14,120	1,419,029
1989-90	19,653	11,329	8,253	-252	5,762	13,027	1,432,056
1990-91	19,966	11,120	8,767	1,545	4,619	14,243	1,446,299
1991-92	19,530	11,035	8,532	-133	2,897	11,296	1,457,595
1992-93	19,686	11,163	8,403	-4,650	1,546	5,299	1,462,894
1993-94	20,036	11,743	7,949	-3,466	1,994	6,477	1,469,371
1994-95	19,559	11,496	8,022	-6,529	3,102	4,595	1,473,596
1995-96	15,837	11,186	7,675	-6,238	4,119	5,557	1,479,153
MONTHLY/QUARTERLY							
1995 - 96 -							
September	1,728	963	1,759	-2,157	1,106	708	1,474,304
October	1,528	1,057	..	..	..	..	..
November	1,665	929	..	..	..	..	..
December	1,397	842	1,752	-1,512	946	1,186	1,475,490
January	1,663	932	..	..	..	..	..
February	1,693	807	..	..	..	..	..
March	1,567	839	2,346	-1,476	1,370	2,240	1,477,730
April	1,416	776	..	..	..	..	..
May	1,732	1,123	..	..	..	..	..
June	1,448	886	1,818	-1,093	697	1,423	1,479,153
1996 - 97 -							
July	1,732	1,102	..	..	..	..	..
August	1,662	1,207	..	..	..	..	..
September	1,464	977	1,575	-1,589	1,042	1,028	1,480,181
October	1,779	1,196	..	..	..	..	..
November	1,536	835	..	..	..	..	..
December	1,424	920	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Registrations.

(b) Includes category jumping.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: BY GROUP
Adelaide

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transport- ation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	All groups
ANNUAL AVERAGE (1989-90 = 100)									
1986-87	83.2	81.8	76.9	84.3	83.0	79.4	75.6	82.1	81.5
1987-88	87.6	88.2	79.5	89.9	88.6	85.7	84.0	89.6	87.0
1988-89	95.2	95.3	87.0	95.1	94.2	92.5	90.8	94.6	93.3
1989-90	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1990-91	103.8	103.6	104.1	105.4	107.0	112.0	113.4	104.8	106.2
1991-92	106.0	105.3	100.4	107.5	110.5	118.6	127.8	107.7	108.9
1992-93	109.3	107.0	94.3	107.6	115.0	131.2	134.9	110.7	111.2
1993-94	111.7	106.6	92.1	108.0	117.8	141.5	142.7	113.7	113.4
1994-95	115.1	104.9	97.8	109.2	120.2	148.9	151.3	116.3	116.9
1995-96	118.2	105.1	103.6	112.1	124.5	160.1	158.9	118.0	121.2
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, ANNUAL AVERAGE									
1987-88	5.3	7.8	3.4	6.6	6.7	7.9	11.1	9.1	6.7
1988-89	8.7	8.0	9.4	5.8	6.3	7.9	8.1	5.6	7.2
1989-90	5.0	4.9	14.9	5.2	6.2	8.1	10.1	5.7	7.2
1990-91	3.8	3.6	4.1	5.4	7.0	12.0	13.4	4.8	6.2
1991-92	2.1	1.6	-3.6	2.0	3.3	5.9	12.7	2.8	2.5
1992-93	3.1	1.6	-6.1	0.1	4.1	10.6	5.6	2.8	2.1
1993-94	2.2	-0.4	-2.3	0.4	2.4	7.9	5.8	2.7	2.0
1994-95	3.0	-1.6	6.2	1.1	2.0	5.2	6.0	2.2	3.1
1995-96	2.7	0.2	5.9	2.7	3.6	7.6	5.0	1.5	3.7
QUARTERLY (1989-90=100.0)									
1994 - 95 -									
December	114.3	105.1	95.6	108.7	119.8	147.8	148.7	116.2	116.0
March	115.7	104.2	100.8	109.5	119.9	150.2	153.0	117.2	117.8
June	115.7	105.1	102.2	110.2	121.4	153.2	155.3	116.5	118.8
1995 - 96 -									
September	117.8	104.8	102.7	111.5	124.4	154.8	155.4	116.5	120.1
December	118.2	105.2	103.8	112.0	124.3	159.7	158.7	117.3	121.1
March	118.2	104.9	103.9	112.4	123.9	162.2	161.0	118.9	121.6
June	118.4	105.5	103.9	112.3	125.3	163.6	160.6	119.2	122.0
1996 - 97 -									
September	119.2	105.5	103.5	113.0	124.4	164.7	160.9	119.2	122.2
December	120.7	106.0	100.5	113.8	125.5	164.9	164.9	119.8	122.6
March	121.2	105.1	97.5	113.3	125.6	165.2	167.7	122.3	122.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM SAME QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR									
1994 - 95 -									
December	2.7	-1.9	4.4	0.5	1.9	5.6	7.4	2.8	2.8
March	3.3	-1.7	10.0	1.5	2.0	5.3	5.2	2.7	3.7
June	2.4	-0.7	11.2	1.8	2.4	6.0	4.8	1.5	3.8
1995 - 96 -									
September	2.9	-0.4	11.1	3.0	4.0	7.4	4.8	1.2	4.5
December	3.4	0.1	8.6	3.0	3.8	8.1	6.7	0.9	4.4
March	2.2	0.7	3.1	2.6	3.3	8.0	5.2	1.5	3.2
June	2.3	0.4	1.7	1.9	3.2	6.8	3.4	2.3	2.7
1996-97									
September	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.3	0.0	6.4	3.5	2.3	1.7
December	2.1	0.8	-3.2	1.6	1.0	3.3	3.9	2.1	1.2
March	2.5	0.2	-6.2	0.8	1.4	1.8	4.2	2.9	0.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER									
1994 - 95 -									
March	1.2	-0.9	5.4	0.7	0.1	1.6	2.9	0.9	1.6
June	0.0	0.9	1.4	0.6	1.3	2.0	1.5	-0.6	0.8
1995 - 96 -									
September	1.8	-0.3	0.5	1.2	2.5	1.0	0.1	0.0	1.1
December	0.3	0.4	1.1	0.4	-0.1	3.2	2.1	0.7	0.8
March	0.0	-0.3	0.1	0.4	-0.3	1.6	1.4	1.4	0.4
June	0.2	0.6	0.0	-0.1	1.1	0.9	-0.2	0.3	0.3
1996-97									
September	0.7	0.0	-0.4	0.6	-0.7	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.2
December	1.3	0.5	-2.9	0.7	0.9	0.1	2.5	0.5	0.3
March	0.4	-0.8	-3.0	-0.4	0.1	0.2	1.7	2.1	0.0

PRODUCTION, LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS AND SELECTED COMMODITIES
South Australia

Period	Chicken	Pigmeat	Beef	Mutton	Lamb	Cheese	Wheat flour, other than self-raising
ANNUAL (tonnes)							
1984-85	35,882	36,508	79,111	35,800	30,136	23,273	74,643
1985-86	34,235	37,432	77,898	41,507	31,485	25,086	73,926
1986-87	33,776	40,761	90,283	43,934	32,416	27,438	80,310
1987-88	34,907	36,671	91,701	45,562	34,335	25,497	91,325
1988-89	32,946	40,364	87,160	42,159	36,203	24,704	96,418
1989-90	35,248	40,815	99,699	50,939	38,052	22,774	88,503
1990-91	31,945	38,644	87,036	65,434	32,038	24,522	83,727
1991-92	36,978	34,538	90,661	72,578	29,941	23,494	81,065
1992-93	38,619	38,153	96,338	65,689	39,334	26,140	87,761
1993-94	40,671	38,394	94,395	71,354	45,199	26,674	84,683
1994-95	39,103	32,063	99,108	66,759	36,147	29,154	80,666
1995-96	37,691	27,335	89,704	55,600	37,735	31,496	97,425
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR							
1985-86	-4.6	2.5	-1.5	15.9	4.5	7.8	-1.0
1986-87	-1.3	8.9	15.9	5.8	3.0	9.4	8.6
1987-88	3.3	-10.0	1.6	3.7	5.9	-7.1	13.7
1988-89	-5.6	10.1	-5.0	-7.5	5.4	-3.1	5.6
1989-90	7.0	1.1	14.4	20.8	5.1	-7.8	-8.2
1990-91	-9.4	-5.3	-12.7	28.5	-15.8	7.7	-5.4
1991-92	15.8	-10.6	4.2	10.9	-6.5	-4.2	-3.2
1992-93	4.4	10.5	6.3	-9.5	31.4	11.3	8.3
1993-94	5.3	0.6	-2.0	8.6	14.9	2.0	-3.5
1994-95	-3.9	-16.5	5.0	-6.4	-20.0	9.3	-4.7
1995-96	-3.6	-14.7	-9.5	-16.7	4.4	8.0	20.8
MONTHLY (tonnes)							
1995 - 96 -							
January	3,286	2,157	9,107	5,956	2,686	2,419	6,566
February	2,991	2,363	8,964	6,566	3,206	4,806	8,503
March	3,361	1,964	7,989	5,714	3,377	1,357	8,283
April	3,438	2,051	6,250	3,768	2,957	2,122	7,665
May	2,880	2,711	6,935	3,532	3,274	2,174	14,422
June	2,942	2,027	5,780	3,065	1,909	1,963	6,811
1996 - 97 -							
July	3,110	2,627	5,241	2,670	1,896	2,120	7,099
August	2,827	2,519	5,190	2,749	1,856	2,452	7,468
September	3,042	1,961	6,650	3,733	2,776	3,092	7,089
October	3,155	1,840	8,130	5,528	3,422	3,699	6,866
November	3,167	2,280	8,930	7,351	2,983	3,326	7,331
December	3,600	1,593	6,681	4,500	2,574	2,889	8,187
January	3,502	1,754	7,333	5,815	3,247	2,536	8,010
February	2,822	2,167	7,223	6,057	3,154	2,043	8,566
March	3,285	1,807	6,854	5,397	2,899	n.y.a.	8,374
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH							
1995 - 96 -							
February	-9.0	9.6	-1.6	10.2	19.4	98.7	29.5
March	12.3	-16.9	-10.9	-13.0	5.3	-71.8	-2.6
April	2.3	4.4	-21.8	-34.1	-12.4	56.4	-7.5
May	-16.2	32.2	11.0	-6.3	10.7	2.5	88.2
June	2.2	-25.2	-16.7	-13.2	-41.7	-9.7	-52.8
1996 - 97 -							
July	5.7	29.6	-9.3	-12.9	-0.7	8.0	4.2
August	-9.1	-4.1	-1.0	3.0	-2.1	15.7	5.2
September	7.6	-22.2	28.1	35.8	49.6	26.1	-5.1
October	3.7	-6.2	22.3	48.1	23.3	19.6	-3.1
November	0.4	23.9	9.8	33.0	-12.8	-10.1	6.8
December	13.7	-30.1	-25.2	-38.8	-13.7	-13.1	11.7
January	-2.7	10.1	9.8	29.2	26.1	-12.2	-2.2
February	-19.4	23.5	-1.5	4.2	-2.9	-19.4	6.9
March	16.4	-16.6	-5.1	-10.9	-8.1	n.y.a.	-2.2

PRODUCTION, SELECTED COMMODITIES
South Australia

Period	Footwear (pairs)	Gas (m megajoules)	Electricity (including NT) ('000 kWh)	Coal (tonnes)	Sawn timber(a) (m ³)
ANNUAL					
1986-87	2,147,468	82,550	9,666,694	2,435,010	194,458
1987-88	1,982,301	83,101	10,137,144	2,566,347	254,453
1988-89	2,062,085	86,546	10,588,647	2,674,215	292,335
1989-90	1,749,112	85,070	10,665,118	2,921,861	228,156
1990-91	1,837,602	73,265	8,878,357	2,441,040	240,193
1991-92	1,852,890	78,210	10,025,649	2,819,880	271,603
1992-93	1,406,178	83,000	10,226,734	2,753,610	317,096
1993-94	1,382,949	89,382	10,560,251	2,643,000	364,961
1994-95	1,430,417	86,123	10,051,056	2,554,560	392,349
1995-96	1,423,814	76,074	8,733,503	2,409,120	413,545
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR					
1987-88	-7.7	0.7	4.9	5.4	30.9
1988-89	4.0	4.1	4.5	4.2	14.9
1989-90	-15.2	-1.7	0.7	9.3	-22.0
1990-91	5.1	-13.9	-16.8	-16.5	5.3
1991-92	0.8	6.7	12.9	15.5	13.1
1992-93	-24.1	6.1	2.0	-2.4	16.7
1993-94	-1.7	7.7	3.3	-4.0	15.1
1994-95	3.4	-3.6	-4.8	-3.3	7.5
1995-96	-0.5	-11.7	-13.1	-5.7	5.4
MONTHLY/QUARTERLY (b), ORIGINAL					
1995 - 96 -					
January	80,341	4,990	713,816	232,020	..
February	124,734	5,548	742,084	233,280	..
March	151,541	6,163	765,278	254,940	88,684
April	101,261	6,088	632,648	159,960	..
May	134,719	5,728	725,035	186,600	..
June	163,135	7,047	788,337	216,120	90,862
1996 - 97 -					
July	132,078	7,478	805,153	242,820	..
August	139,938	7,077	780,265	231,720	..
September	140,736	6,545	715,089	203,820	95,037
October	118,507	6,788	701,744	150,480	..
November	134,859	5,468	692,551	202,920	..
December	82,581	5,417	724,795	196,980	86,509
January	68,587	6,016	801,786	239,760	..
February	170,775	6,499	857,703	208,820	..
March	124,771	5,429	717,610	238,200	67,726
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH/QUARTER (b)					
1995 - 96 -					
February	55.3	11.2	4.0	0.5	..
March	21.5	11.1	3.1	9.3	-20.9
April	-33.2	-1.2	-17.3	-37.3	..
May	33.0	-5.9	14.6	16.7	..
June	21.1	23.0	8.7	15.8	2.5
1996 - 97 -					
July	-19.0	6.1	2.1	12.4	..
August	6.0	-5.4	-3.1	-4.6	..
September	0.6	-7.5	-8.4	-12.0	4.6
October	-15.8	3.7	-1.9	-26.2	..
November	13.8	-19.4	-1.3	34.8	..
December	-38.8	-0.9	4.7	-2.9	-9.0
January	-16.9	11.1	10.6	21.7	..
February	149.0	8.0	7.0	-13.7	..
March	-26.9	-16.5	-16.3	15.2	-21.7

(a) From Australian softwood logs only.

(b) Sawn timber production data available quarterly only.

BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS South Australia

Period	Number of new dwelling units				Value (\$ million)				
	Houses		Total (a)		New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential building	Non-residential building		Total building
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total			Private sector	Total	
ANNUAL									
1986-87	5,345	6,458	6,552	8,987	475.7	75.3	430.1	674.4	1,225.4
1987-88	5,664	6,388	6,723	8,510	472.9	92.2	527.2	718.8	1,283.8
1988-89	7,132	7,580	8,853	10,303	646.2	103.7	760.3	964.1	1,709.9
1989-90	6,734	7,174	9,421	10,988	718.2	111.6	669.6	934.2	1,763.9
1990-91	7,863	8,177	9,683	10,838	727.5	118.2	367.1	554.0	1,399.6
1991-92	8,036	8,344	9,635	10,700	727.2	125.1	344.5	607.8	1,460.1
1992-93	9,122	9,416	10,889	11,646	816.2	122.4	205.5	458.7	1,397.2
1993-94	9,159	9,590	10,712	11,501	845.3	126.5	209.9	373.0	1,344.8
1994-95	7,745	8,210	9,132	9,796	765.5	125.3	251.7	518.5	1,409.3
1995-96	4,836	5,070	5,692	5,961	496.5	121.7	452.8	631.8	1,250.0
QUARTERLY									
June 1994 - 95 -	2,235	2,396	2,629	2,883	213.4	30.2	55.2	93.5	337.1
September	2,413	2,526	2,857	3,085	235.6	34.3	57.0	101.8	371.7
December	2,303	2,435	2,691	2,873	221.1	31.8	52.8	99.5	352.4
March	1,631	1,735	1,942	2,073	167.9	26.4	55.6	92.1	286.4
June 1995 - 96 -	1,396	1,512	1,623	1,763	140.9	32.8	86.3	225.1	398.8
September	1,398	1,504	1,651	1,771	142.4	29.4	69.5	108.4	280.3
December	1,242	1,295	1,519	1,587	133.9	34.0	85.5	119.5	287.4
March	1,044	1,089	1,248	1,295	109.2	29.4	80.1	139.9	278.4
June 1996 - 97 -	1,153	1,183	1,274	1,308	111.0	28.8	217.7	264.0	403.9
September	1,191	1,207	1,302	1,321	108.7	26.2	67.9	104.2	239.1
December	1,233	1,249	1,499	1,517	132.5	33.5	80.0	107.5	273.5

(a) Includes conversions.

VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE DURING PERIOD South Australia

Period	New residential building				Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building	
	Houses		Total			Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total					
ANNUAL (\$ million)									
1986-87	310.0	364.8	385.4	492.2	78.4	447.9	645.2	908.1	1,215.8
1987-88	343.8	381.1	391.4	467.7	88.2	551.8	811.2	1,027.0	1,367.1
1988-89	450.2	469.2	538.8	597.0	104.1	657.5	902.2	1,297.3	1,603.3
1989-90	493.8	518.9	657.4	724.9	116.3	743.2	988.6	1,514.0	1,829.8
1990-91	578.3	600.2	713.6	782.3	122.0	621.9	876.6	1,455.4	1,780.8
1991-92	591.5	607.5	693.4	748.5	125.1	310.3	484.1	1,127.5	1,357.6
1992-93	647.2	660.9	743.8	780.6	127.1	297.9	570.9	1,166.3	1,478.6
1993-94	719.1	746.4	828.9	876.3	132.0	217.7	462.1	1,177.2	1,470.4
1994-95	659.6	693.6	766.1	816.4	129.4	271.6	476.9	1,164.3	1,422.7
1995-96	441.4	460.5	512.9	534.8	130.6	311.4	542.1	953.2	1,207.5
QUARTERLY (\$ million)									
June 1994 - 95 -	175.7	182.9	204.2	215.3	30.8	53.1	111.0	287.5	357.2
September	185.6	193.5	215.3	230.8	37.4	63.7	113.5	316.1	381.8
December	185.3	195.7	216.0	231.4	35.6	63.0	117.8	313.1	384.7
March 1995 - 96 -	153.3	159.5	179.5	187.9	25.1	57.2	104.4	261.4	317.4
June	135.3	144.8	155.3	166.3	31.2	87.8	141.3	273.7	338.8
September	117.9	124.5	138.8	146.6	31.4	72.7	121.7	241.7	299.6
December	119.2	125.6	137.7	144.8	39.9	87.1	142.9	264.7	327.6
March 1996 - 97 -	101.6	105.4	118.8	123.1	26.7	63.4	122.0	208.6	271.8
June	102.6	105.0	117.6	120.3	32.6	88.1	155.6	238.3	308.5
September	97.3	99.3	109.4	111.3	28.0	83.4	143.8	219.4	283.1
December	109.0	110.4	121.2	122.6	35.0	117.2	187.0	273.0	344.6

BUILDING APPROVALS **South Australia**

Period	Number of dwelling units				Value (\$ million)			
	Houses		Total(a)		New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential building	Non-residential building	Total building
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total				
ANNUAL								
1987-88	6,276	6,900	7,383	9,009	497	94	749	1,340
1988-89	7,526	8,006	9,642	11,238	690	109	895	1,694
1989-90	7,246	7,675	10,180	11,701	733	110	914	1,757
1990-91	8,351	8,633	10,418	11,426	755	119	591	1,465
1991-92	8,613	8,931	10,254	11,290	756	124	627	1,506
1992-93	9,710	10,087	11,548	12,341	841	133	418	1,392
1993-94	9,470	9,901	11,046	11,777	839	122	375	1,336
1994-95	7,757	8,147	9,208	9,762	740	120	493	1,353
1995-96	4,930	5,109	5,760	5,968	469	119	566	1,155
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR								
1988-89	19.9	16.0	30.6	24.7	38.8	16.0	19.5	26.4
1989-90	-3.7	-4.1	5.6	4.1	6.1	1.2	2.1	3.7
1990-91	15.2	12.5	2.3	-2.4	3.1	8.6	-35.4	-16.6
1991-92	3.1	3.5	-1.6	-1.2	0.1	3.9	6.1	2.8
1992-93	12.7	12.9	12.6	9.3	11.3	7.1	-33.2	-7.6
1993-94	-2.5	-1.8	-4.3	-4.6	-0.2	-8.0	-10.4	-4.0
1994-95	-18.1	-17.7	-16.6	-17.1	11.8	-1.7	31.5	1.3
1995-96	-36.4	-37.3	-37.4	-38.9	-36.5	-0.7	14.8	-14.7
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL								
1995 - 96 -								
January	299	306	346	355	29.2	8.5	64.4	102.1
February	393	418	461	486	39.6	8.4	16.5	64.5
March	388	393	432	437	36.5	11.4	49.9	97.8
April	380	386	424	430	31.9	8.5	27.5	67.9
May	464	483	486	505	40.8	10.0	143.6	194.3
June	403	406	433	436	34.3	10.5	26.9	71.8
1996 - 97 -								
July	476	481	523	528	42.8	7.7	41.9	92.5
August	484	492	536	547	45.2	10.3	60.9	116.4
September	458	462	510	514	43.4	10.7	59.1	113.2
October	401	414	553	566	43.7	12.0	28.5	84.2
November	438	438	488	488	39.9	8.8	39.7	88.5
December	382	383	409	410	34.8	9.7	28.0	72.5
January	340	340	351	351	29.6	8.6	41.9	80.1
February	429	434	467	472	39.7	9.8	53.1	102.6
March	486	501	526	543	41.8	8.9	35.4	86.1
MONTHLY, TREND								
1995 - 96 -								
January	392	408	454	476	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	395	408	446	462				
March	403	411	444	454				
April	410	413	447	449				
May	415	415	451	449				
June	417	417	460	457				
1996 - 97 -								
July	419	422	473	473				
August	418	426	484	490				
September	417	429	488	502				
October	418	433	485	503				
November	423	437	479	498				
December	432	444	473	491				
January	444	454	473	487				
February	458	464	478	488				
March	471	475	486	493				
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND								
1995 - 96 -								
February	0.8	0.0	-1.8	-2.9				
March	2.0	0.7	-0.4	-1.7				
April	1.7	0.5	0.7	-1.1				
May	1.2	0.5	0.9	0.0				
June	0.5	0.5	2.0	1.8				
1996 - 97 -								
July	0.5	1.2	2.8	3.5				
August	-0.2	0.9	2.3	3.6				
September	-0.2	0.7	0.8	2.4				
October	0.2	0.9	-0.6	0.2				
November	1.2	0.9	-1.2	-1.0				
December	2.1	1.6	-1.3	-1.4				
January	2.8	2.3	0.0	-0.8				
February	3.2	2.2	1.1	0.2				
March	2.8	2.4	1.7	1.0				

(a) Includes the number of self-contained dwelling units approved as part of the construction of non-residential building and alterations to existing buildings (including conversions to dwelling units)

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION
South Australia

Period	Hotels, motels, guesthouses with facilities			Holiday flats, units and houses			Short-term caravan parks		
	Number of guest rooms	Room occupancy (per cent)	Takings (\$'000)	Number of flats, units and houses	Unit occupancy (per cent)	Takings (\$'000)	Number of sites	Site occupancy (per cent)	Takings (\$'000)
ANNUAL									
1986-87	8,497	52.9	79,254	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	18,773	18.1	12,647
1987-88	9,156	50.8	89,321	1,105	45.4	8,109	18,926	17.8	13,248
1988-89	9,396	50.5	102,737	1,171	45.8	9,792	19,195	17.4	14,711
1989-90	10,316	52.0	121,788	1,113	48.4	11,381	19,847	18.4	17,174
1990-91	10,445	48.0	128,634	1,210	43.9	10,339	19,794	17.7	18,102
1991-92	10,745	46.6	130,578	1,302	40.4	10,492	20,601	17.1	19,111
1992-93	10,632	46.5	129,882	1,338	40.2	10,740	20,038	22.3	20,113
1993-94	10,597	48.6	138,782	1,338	40.9	11,700	19,591	23.7	20,790
1994-95	10,594	51.3	149,698	1,342	40.0	11,644	20,175	24.5	22,537
1995-96	10,772	52.4	161,136	1,356	41.5	12,844	20,187	24.9	23,578
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1987-88	7.8	..	12.7	n.a.	..	n.a.	0.8	..	4.8
1988-89	2.6	..	15.0	6.0	..	20.8	1.4	..	11.0
1989-90	9.8	..	18.5	-5.0	..	16.2	3.4	..	16.7
1990-91	1.3	..	5.6	8.7	..	-9.2	-0.3	..	5.4
1991-92	2.9	..	1.5	7.6	..	1.5	4.1	..	5.6
1992-93	-1.1	..	-0.5	2.8	..	2.4	-2.7	..	5.2
1993-94	-0.3	..	6.9	0.0	..	8.9	-2.2	..	3.4
1994-95	0.0	..	7.9	0.3	..	-0.5	3.0	..	8.4
1995-96	1.7	..	7.6	1.0	..	10.3	0.1	..	4.6
QUARTERLY									
1994 - 95 -									
September	10,560	48.7	34,734	1,326	34.0	2,418	19,988	20.9	4,211
December	10,608	53.0	41,265	1,360	40.0	3,000	20,126	24.5	5,681
March	10,603	53.4	37,897	1,337	50.1	3,776	20,132	28.4	7,047
June	10,605	50.0	35,802	1,346	35.9	2,451	20,452	24.3	5,597
1995 - 96 -									
September	10,703	50.3	37,077	1,289	32.4	2,273	20,350	22.3	4,809
December	10,763	52.9	42,999	1,297	40.3	3,120	20,123	24.5	6,103
March	10,757	55.1	41,938	1,388	54.9	4,512	20,154	27.8	6,931
June	10,865	51.4	39,121	1,451	38.0	2,940	20,122	25.0	5,736
1996 - 97 -									
September	10,879	48.9	37,567	1,426	35.1	2,885	20,247	21.0	4,735
December	10,951	54.9	43,266	1,470	40.7	3,651	20,260	25.2	6,340
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER									
1994 - 95 -									
December	0.5	..	18.8	2.6	..	24.1	0.7	..	34.9
March	0.0	..	-8.2	-1.7	..	25.9	0.0	..	24.0
June	0.0	..	-5.5	0.7	..	-35.1	1.6	..	-20.6
1995 - 96 -									
September	0.9	..	3.6	-4.2	..	-7.3	-0.5	..	-14.1
December	0.6	..	16.0	0.6	..	37.3	-1.1	..	26.9
March	-0.1	..	-2.5	7.0	..	44.6	0.2	..	13.6
June	1.0	..	-6.7	4.5	..	-34.8	-0.2	..	-17.2
1996 - 97 -									
September	0.1	..	-4.0	-1.7	..	-1.9	0.6	..	-17.5
December	0.7	..	15.2	3.1	..	26.6	0.1	..	33.9

ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED INDUSTRY AND TYPE OF ASSET
South Australia

Period	Industry			Total	Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries		New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
ANNUAL (\$ million)						
1990-91	122	742	988	1,852	628	1,224
1991-92	193	763	668	1,625	392	1,233
1992-93	218	564	739	1,522	416	1,105
1993-94	97	613	773	1,484	356	1,128
1994-95	115	829	1,162	2,106	351	1,755
1995-96	194	716	893	1,804	348	1,456
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR						
1991-92	58.4	2.9	-32.3	-12.2	-37.5	0.8
1992-93	12.8	-26.1	10.6	-6.4	6.1	-10.4
1993-94	-55.5	8.7	4.6	-2.5	-14.5	2.0
1994-95	18.3	35.2	50.3	41.9	-1.4	55.6
1995-96	68.7	-13.6	-23.1	-14.3	-0.9	-17.0
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$ million)						
1994 - 95 - December	40	226	419	684	77	607
March	22	202	222	446	65	382
June	40	272	183	494	58	436
1995 - 96 - September	35	155	172	361	71	290
December	49	205	285	538	89	450
March	51	159	174	385	76	309
June	59	197	263	519	113	406
1996 - 97 - September	61	183	386	630	129	501
December	80	225	353	658	165	493
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, ORIGINAL						
1994 - 95 - March	-45.7	-10.5	-46.9	-34.8	-16.4	-37.1
June	86.0	34.4	-17.7	10.8	-9.6	14.3
1995 - 96 - September	-12.5	-43.0	-6.0	-27.0	21.6	-33.5
December	40.0	32.3	65.7	49.0	25.4	55.3
March	4.1	-22.4	-38.9	-28.4	-14.6	-31.3
June	15.7	23.9	51.1	34.8	48.7	31.4
1996 - 97 - September	3.4	-7.1	46.8	21.4	14.2	23.4
December	31.1	23.0	-8.5	4.4	27.9	-1.6
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$ million)						
1994 - 95 - December	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	556	89	468
March				523	71	452
June				466	64	402
1995 - 96 - September				433	68	365
December				423	78	345
March				467	94	373
June				544	114	430
1996 - 97 - September				608	133	475
December				641	146	495
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND						
1994 - 95 - March	..	..	..	-5.9	-20.2	-3.4
June				-10.9	-9.9	-11.1
1995 - 96 - September				-7.1	6.3	-9.2
December				-2.3	14.7	-5.5
March				10.4	20.5	8.1
June				16.5	21.3	15.3
1996 - 97 - September				11.8	16.7	10.5
December				5.4	9.8	4.2

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS BY TYPE OF VEHICLE
South Australia

Period	<i>Original</i>			<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>			<i>Trend estimate</i>		
	Passenger Vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Passenger Vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Passenger Vehicles	Other vehicles	Total
ANNUAL									
1986-87	29,788	6,430	36,218	..	..	..	..	..	..
1987-88	29,915	5,775	35,690						
1988-89	31,920	6,816	38,736						
1989-90	35,211	7,808	43,019						
1990-91	34,753	6,619	41,372						
1991-92	32,351	5,333	37,684						
1992-93	32,894	5,577	38,471						
1993-94	32,806	5,781	38,587						
1994-95	35,830	6,736	42,566						
1995-96	36,067	6,828	42,895						
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1987-88	0.4	-10.2	-1.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
1988-89	6.7	18.0	8.5						
1989-90	10.3	14.6	11.1						
1990-91	-1.3	-15.2	-3.8						
1991-92	-6.9	-19.4	-8.9						
1992-93	1.7	4.6	2.1						
1993-94	-0.3	3.7	0.3						
1994-95	9.2	16.5	10.3						
1995-96	0.7	1.4	0.8						
MONTHLY									
1995 - 96 -									
December	2,987	565	3,552	3,125	575	3,700	3,053	554	3,608
January	2,350	479	2,829	2,943	597	3,541	3,093	573	3,666
February	3,244	588	3,832	3,177	621	3,799	3,116	592	3,708
March	3,271	596	3,867	3,198	544	3,741	3,116	609	3,725
April	2,745	541	3,286	3,111	627	3,738	3,090	619	3,709
May	3,080	712	3,792	2,991	630	3,621	3,037	622	3,658
June	3,091	841	3,932	2,999	669	3,668	2,959	617	3,576
1996 - 97 -									
July	2,862	595	3,457	2,813	572	3,384	2,875	604	3,479
August	3,024	545	3,569	2,853	600	3,453	2,804	585	3,389
September	2,939	498	3,437	2,883	548	3,431	2,780	564	3,344
October	2,817	548	3,365	2,520	557	3,077	2,812	550	3,362
November	2,976	539	3,515	2,953	503	3,456	2,891	549	3,441
December	2,997	585	3,582	2,978	585	3,563	2,996	557	3,553
January	2,493	449	2,942	3,109	564	3,673	3,102	568	3,670
February	3,302	525	3,827	3,439	573	4,012	3,194	581	3,775
March	3,034	593	3,627	3,128	623	3,750	3,271	595	3,866
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH									
1995 - 96 -									
January	-21.3	-15.2	-20.4	-5.8	3.8	-4.3	1.3	3.4	1.6
February	38.0	22.8	35.5	8.0	4.0	7.3	0.7	3.3	1.1
March	0.8	1.4	0.9	0.7	-12.4	-1.5	0.0	2.9	0.5
April	-16.1	-9.2	-15.0	-2.7	15.3	-0.1	-0.8	1.6	-0.4
May	12.2	31.6	15.4	-3.9	0.5	-3.1	-1.7	0.5	-1.4
June	0.4	18.1	3.7	0.3	6.2	1.3	-2.6	-0.8	-2.2
1996 - 97 -									
July	-7.4	-29.3	-12.1	-6.2	-14.5	-7.7	-2.8	-2.1	-2.7
August	5.7	-8.4	3.2	1.4	4.9	2.0	-2.5	-3.1	-2.6
September	-2.8	-8.6	-3.7	1.1	-8.7	-0.6	-0.9	-3.6	-1.3
October	-4.2	10.0	-2.1	-12.6	1.6	-10.3	1.2	-2.5	0.5
November	5.6	-1.6	4.5	17.2	-9.7	12.3	2.8	-0.2	2.3
December	0.7	8.5	1.9	0.8	16.3	3.1	3.6	1.5	3.3
January	-16.8	-23.2	-17.9	4.4	-3.6	3.1	3.5	2.0	3.3
February	32.5	16.9	30.1	10.6	1.6	9.2	3.0	2.3	2.9
March	-8.1	13.0	-5.2	-9.0	8.7	-6.5	2.4	2.4	2.4

TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS BY INDUSTRY
South Australia

Period	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ANNUAL (\$ million)								
1986-87	2,240.3	893.8	396.8	601.0	229.7	332.3	862.0	5,555.9
1987-88	2,378.5	951.2	416.7	660.8	237.5	367.0	941.6	5,953.3
1988-89	2,534.9	971.8	462.2	726.6	268.5	420.7	1,019.1	6,403.8
1989-90	2,679.8	1,041.1	521.1	782.5	291.6	467.1	1,046.7	6,829.9
1990-91	2,978.2	1,069.0	543.9	778.8	303.9	497.7	1,111.2	7,282.7
1991-92	3,163.1	1,087.4	466.5	792.0	278.7	515.7	1,157.3	7,460.7
1992-93	3,018.5	1,101.5	434.2	783.3	311.2	617.4	1,132.7	7,398.8
1993-94	3,152.3	1,107.8	466.1	849.2	354.9	639.6	1,260.5	7,830.4
1994-95	3,360.7	1,128.7	524.0	881.1	359.0	737.8	1,562.3	8,553.6
1995-96	3,676.0	1,138.6	535.0	944.6	407.0	845.1	1,676.3	9,222.6
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1995 - 96 -								
January	289.6	80.2	44.7	77.9	34.4	66.2	131.5	724.5
February	288.2	73.2	37.7	71.1	32.7	65.8	122.7	691.4
March	306.7	80.8	40.0	79.1	34.1	68.4	128.2	737.3
April	300.2	90.6	42.5	73.5	32.6	64.4	134.6	738.4
May	321.5	91.9	42.4	76.1	32.1	72.4	131.7	768.1
June	300.3	87.5	41.0	73.3	30.7	65.6	129.5	727.9
1996 - 97 -								
July	316.7	90.6	40.6	78.8	33.9	60.7	125.4	746.7
August	329.4	86.8	34.8	79.6	33.7	63.5	128.7	756.5
September	310.7	80.4	32.9	72.5	32.6	58.5	129.0	716.6
October	344.1	93.0	36.5	73.1	36.2	60.3	127.4	770.6
November	336.4	105.6	36.8	75.1	37.9	60.9	134.8	787.5
December	372.8	170.4	51.1	95.2	54.8	85.8	169.9	1,000.0
January	343.9	79.3	36.7	66.5	32.2	57.0	136.8	752.4
February	310.3	69.7	27.6	63.3	27.4	52.9	121.8	673.0
March	342.2	82.7	34.3	66.4	30.6	56.6	126.4	739.2
MONTHLY, TREND (\$ million)								
1995 - 96 -								
December	304.3	94.1	47.3	78.2	34.7	70.1	135.7	764.4
January	302.3	94.3	47.0	79.0	34.8	70.7	132.6	760.5
February	301.7	94.3	45.9	79.6	34.5	71.4	131.4	758.7
March	303.8	94.3	44.3	79.7	34.2	71.9	132.2	760.5
April	308.2	94.4	42.7	79.7	34.1	71.6	134.6	765.3
May	313.9	94.5	41.3	79.5	34.2	70.2	137.2	770.9
June	320.1	94.5	40.1	79.0	34.5	67.8	138.3	774.5
1996 - 97 -								
July	324.8	94.4	38.9	78.2	35.1	65.1	137.3	773.7
August	327.7	94.0	37.8	76.9	35.8	62.5	134.6	769.3
September	329.2	93.5	36.9	75.3	36.4	60.7	131.8	763.6
October	330.0	93.1	36.3	73.5	36.4	59.9	130.1	759.3
November	331.1	93.0	36.3	72.0	35.9	60.0	129.7	757.9
December	332.8	93.4	36.7	71.1	34.8	60.5	130.2	759.4
January	335.0	94.0	37.1	70.9	33.6	60.9	130.6	762.0
February	337.3	94.7	37.4	71.0	32.3	61.2	130.9	764.8
March	340.4	95.6	37.7	71.8	31.2	61.8	131.4	769.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND								
1995 - 96 -								
January	-0.7	0.2	-0.6	1.0	0.3	0.9	-2.3	-0.5
February	-0.2	0.0	-2.3	0.8	-0.9	1.0	-0.9	-0.2
March	0.7	0.0	-3.5	0.1	-0.9	0.7	0.6	0.2
April	1.4	0.1	-3.6	0.0	-0.3	-0.4	1.8	0.6
May	1.8	0.1	-3.3	-0.3	0.3	-2.0	1.9	0.7
June	2.0	0.0	-2.9	-0.6	0.9	-3.4	0.8	0.5
1996 - 97 -								
July	1.5	-0.1	-3.0	-1.0	1.7	-4.0	-0.7	-0.1
August	0.9	-0.4	-2.8	-1.7	2.0	-4.0	-2.0	-0.6
September	0.5	-0.5	-2.4	-2.1	1.7	-2.9	-2.1	-0.7
October	0.2	-0.4	-1.6	-2.4	0.0	-1.3	-1.3	-0.6
November	0.3	-0.1	0.0	-2.0	-1.4	0.2	-0.3	-0.2
December	0.5	0.4	1.1	-1.3	-3.1	0.8	0.4	0.2
January	0.7	0.6	1.1	-0.3	-3.4	0.7	0.3	0.3
February	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.1	-3.9	0.5	0.2	0.4
March	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.1	-3.4	1.0	0.4	0.7

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS BY INDUSTRY OF ORIGIN
Final stage of production in South Australia
(\$'000)

Period	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	Mining	Manufacturing					Other industries/ confidential	Total
			Food, beverages and tobacco	Petroleum, coal, chemical associated product	Metal product	Machinery and equipment	Other manu- facturing		
ANNUAL									
1988-89	891,978	107,269	515,739	176,037	260,978	270,215	96,203	132,953	2,451,372
1989-90	979,463	133,318	583,544	133,078	406,144	320,349	99,984	172,210	2,828,091
1990-91	804,154	120,930	599,030	264,813	474,541	336,500	155,351	251,818	3,007,137
1991-92	882,011	248,846	702,148	201,681	541,522	381,737	178,485	294,709	3,431,139
1992-93	883,725	294,586	766,518	195,387	509,303	641,930	178,726	290,427	3,760,602
1993-94	733,014	245,247	884,737	180,147	475,060	665,066	208,573	497,938	3,889,783
1994-95	592,129	268,537	886,337	186,661	584,838	711,529	243,314	355,991	3,829,336
1995-96	1,014,230	226,309	978,143	172,285	639,267	674,131	226,492	567,191	4,498,047
MONTHLY									
1995 - 96 -									
January	119,119	27,927	77,368	8,187	49,326	35,850	17,538	57,407	392,722
February	122,372	24,558	84,959	16,653	53,893	50,803	16,448	125,177	494,862
March	155,779	12,291	90,394	14,434	59,131	70,624	21,527	46,021	470,200
April	94,201	28,555	74,853	16,617	38,555	57,027	18,305	36,435	364,547
May	104,726	23,538	84,860	18,645	59,240	59,403	17,912	31,862	400,186
June	61,544	11,060	77,812	11,624	58,738	55,922	18,726	56,238	351,664
1996 - 97 -									
July	90,273	27,283	64,583	17,237	37,653	80,451	18,424	28,794	364,698
August	58,417	21,111	87,454	16,123	54,535	65,002	19,604	31,727	353,973
September	63,746	2,163	81,503	13,729	36,910	77,119	19,503	21,279	315,952
October	68,110	12,456	85,821	28,892	51,440	111,386	20,149	47,095	425,349
November	58,151	21,794	71,233	28,399	47,286	140,279	19,277	56,989	443,409
December	119,511	25,596	87,436	25,499	63,810	122,784	22,225	54,537	521,398
January	132,988	1,294	72,543	9,768	33,508	70,182	15,545	43,473	379,301
February	150,907	39,021	86,066	33,503	43,374	92,777	17,984	45,245	508,878
March	139,706	642	95,470	33,224	49,907	104,750	18,110	59,103	500,912

MERCHANDISE IMPORTS BY SELECTED COMMODITY GROUP
Goods released from Customs control in South Australia
(\$'000)

Period	Food, beverages and tobacco	Petroleum and petroleum products	Chemicals	Textiles	Metals and metal manu- factures	Machinery	Road vehicles, parts and accessories	Other manu- factured goods	Total
ANNUAL									
1988-89	60,395	169,397	144,766	47,592	135,225	411,092	415,120	344,344	1,861,622
1989-90	71,796	203,654	167,154	49,249	147,969	462,885	414,800	399,437	2,050,024
1990-91	78,926	425,262	140,894	49,087	135,772	515,226	372,603	366,304	2,193,851
1991-92	82,095	362,777	153,574	62,884	151,165	523,848	435,121	513,012	2,396,954
1992-93	91,756	570,334	186,001	57,434	255,924	609,212	661,714	521,723	3,068,122
1993-94	99,177	404,626	200,225	60,172	160,937	595,238	663,617	484,590	2,803,446
1994-95	115,930	330,430	220,536	64,524	214,432	695,038	749,658	563,368	3,099,510
1995-96	118,237	346,397	254,102	76,847	213,487	675,869	546,445	728,096	3,114,309
MONTHLY									
1995 - 96 -									
January	10,464	23,714	22,404	5,206	16,968	71,580	40,787	52,901	252,230
February	8,386	43,261	20,499	5,920	18,823	49,981	35,606	61,576	254,005
March	8,874	64	35,531	5,560	19,237	54,101	42,833	49,765	242,808
April	9,155	42,010	30,060	5,999	16,164	53,368	47,497	60,585	275,216
May	10,336	32,580	19,662	5,993	17,306	67,725	35,970	63,905	266,206
June	7,669	21,616	15,891	6,713	18,888	52,873	45,012	85,729	261,521
1996 - 97 -									
July	10,309	31,507	13,842	7,463	17,070	66,901	42,448	62,917	265,195
August	14,251	54,974	16,395	6,952	24,177	70,218	55,143	50,007	307,628
September	10,374	23,728	12,227	7,797	18,405	69,155	39,198	101,380	290,140
October	15,412	50,886	14,652	6,584	18,722	72,108	48,332	46,905	283,909
November	13,043	25,966	14,885	5,017	21,111	76,050	42,335	58,619	267,080
December	13,786	47,488	25,644	5,443	12,397	75,892	33,169	82,400	310,403
January	9,998	24,997	24,986	8,035	20,886	107,439	42,245	52,382	300,451
February	9,788	52,630	16,524	6,070	20,511	95,967	46,402	46,911	303,878
March	8,389	50,383	27,957	5,089	14,791	50,792	44,387	46,917	257,276

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS BY SELECTED COMMODITY GROUP
Final stage of production in South Australia
(\$'000)

Period	Meat and meat preparations	Cereals and cereal preparations	Wine	Wool and sheepskins	Machinery	Metals and metal manufactures	Fish and crustaceans	Road vehicles, parts and accessories	Petroleum and petroleum products	Total
ANNUAL										
1988-89	181,058	475,481	71,474	415,098	104,163	239,656	95,720	124,815	189,679	2,451,372
1989-90	244,374	724,369	73,484	285,650	111,944	371,136	111,760	161,704	188,105	2,828,091
1990-91	234,299	587,199	123,567	257,576	152,940	433,341	122,604	117,218	291,507	3,007,137
1991-92	270,237	565,582	165,914	351,096	176,536	489,030	147,532	137,091	341,477	3,431,139
1992-93	282,181	573,375	192,255	318,989	211,426	490,594	154,608	338,359	372,445	3,760,602
1993-94	324,796	436,517	238,366	290,963	223,760	462,355	186,861	351,229	276,473	3,889,783
1994-95	307,785	261,052	250,527	301,645	285,309	571,094	191,386	332,321	285,310	3,829,336
1995-96	244,508	712,981	318,456	239,857	340,205	610,899	196,629	249,237	220,915	4,498,047
MONTHLY										
1995 - 96 -										
January	19,138	91,819	15,991	19,532	19,121	48,458	19,458	6,120	7,998	392,722
February	23,461	97,112	24,508	16,038	28,454	51,287	17,828	16,490	31,446	494,862
March	24,273	123,123	29,605	19,495	38,227	58,078	19,701	24,974	5,211	470,200
April	19,866	65,951	28,161	20,765	29,838	35,488	11,760	21,089	37,852	364,547
May	17,268	98,946	25,889	18,360	30,253	56,133	14,305	20,508	18,602	400,186
June	13,508	32,283	35,428	21,076	30,702	53,314	11,403	18,201	12,412	351,664
1996 - 97 -										
July	11,235	58,143	28,756	16,929	28,499	37,616	10,316	44,328	25,877	364,698
August	9,355	43,401	41,848	12,545	33,395	53,358	10,441	23,287	19,738	353,973
September	10,417	43,146	38,598	16,764	31,937	35,430	10,554	36,844	6,262	315,952
October	14,918	44,596	40,663	22,219	26,217	46,325	16,063	75,999	20,187	425,349
November	18,391	23,256	25,746	22,961	32,114	46,400	16,170	99,763	41,799	443,409
December	21,064	85,160	34,865	30,635	45,315	60,849	15,987	70,076	17,719	521,398
January	13,677	108,011	21,362	18,313	18,193	33,405	20,364	46,808	4,008	379,301
February	17,094	124,910	30,533	21,836	27,029	39,511	20,815	58,221	45,711	508,878
March	16,884	117,757	33,451	21,838	38,225	46,516	23,216	58,475	25,673	500,912

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS BY SELECTED COUNTRIES
Final stage of production in South Australia
(\$'000)

Period	United States	European Community			New Zealand	East Asia				Total East Asia
		Middle East	United Kingdom	European Community		Japan	China	Hong Kong	ASEAN	
ANNUAL										
1988-89	184,903	397,324	108,635	355,669	230,263	390,207	51,975	55,474	240,507	869,226
1989-90	229,169	551,953	121,319	412,855	289,970	359,643	86,303	49,273	277,659	929,209
1990-91	321,032	325,450	186,353	480,714	179,193	438,970	146,434	80,640	403,754	1,284,576
1991-92	300,139	381,761	220,048	550,258	214,522	647,674	148,308	108,583	437,670	1,627,108
1992-93	352,764	314,049	237,520	594,701	288,421	649,684	208,135	171,803	487,174	1,820,065
1993-94	393,611	280,499	263,092	571,047	311,999	625,481	220,211	165,163	533,977	1,898,975
1994-95	329,878	184,342	246,118	553,051	376,262	682,937	177,875	193,014	551,433	2,004,013
1995-96	279,555	525,348	287,725	692,044	376,628	672,885	293,322	202,016	572,418	2,057,505
MONTHLY										
1995 - 96 -										
January	19,707	84,056	12,780	44,747	19,038	65,270	29,109	16,119	32,922	180,611
February	23,556	107,885	31,326	78,448	27,767	57,813	37,042	19,718	61,310	202,872
March	24,868	51,582	25,976	65,053	36,575	58,325	58,657	21,623	34,897	203,683
April	21,849	38,851	22,902	43,787	26,360	53,273	36,243	18,290	50,280	187,633
May	20,722	8,796	22,925	60,081	33,390	69,732	28,586	21,158	38,464	186,064
June	27,622	27,415	39,268	81,921	27,726	51,133	10,310	15,755	40,698	142,070
1996 - 97 -										
July	26,282	19,794	23,491	40,076	58,200	37,820	13,448	14,210	62,818	154,050
August	24,015	30,364	28,940	57,177	39,337	51,371	17,025	20,786	42,580	158,897
September	45,323	32,344	25,007	41,103	26,836	36,244	13,183	18,520	37,438	128,281
October	74,333	30,300	28,488	58,552	40,476	67,667	20,077	12,605	45,513	173,478
November	100,557	23,047	32,472	56,564	33,290	57,248	17,778	27,441	64,683	189,360
December	71,257	81,329	28,905	65,677	27,378	59,114	29,176	21,756	47,732	186,441
January	47,321	83,789	13,228	29,012	32,637	31,483	17,635	16,324	28,366	119,138
February	57,383	66,381	22,843	49,592	29,706	56,277	27,471	23,271	74,521	207,976
March	67,950	96,283	26,542	66,632	27,367	58,395	22,205	26,630	39,459	179,310

STATE ACCOUNTS AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES
South Australia

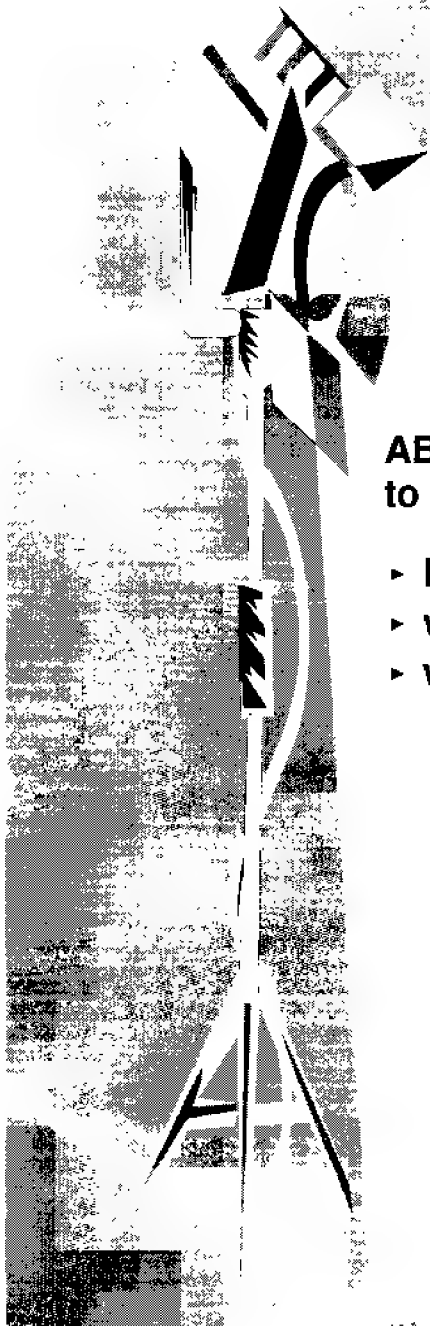
Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross fixed capital expenditure		State final demand	Gross State product (I)
	Private	Public	Private	Public		
ANNUAL (\$ million)						
1986-87	14,958	4,850	3,621	1,442	24,871	25,260
1987-88	15,451	4,877	4,247	1,304	25,879	25,959
1988-89	16,084	4,879	4,279	1,500	26,742	26,720
1989-90	16,474	5,003	4,488	1,577	27,542	27,969
1990-91	17,169	5,210	4,093	1,480	27,592	27,697
1991-92	17,447	5,328	3,849	1,364	27,988	27,023
1992-93	17,491	5,358	3,696	1,291	27,836	28,077
1993-94	18,063	5,696	3,644	1,135	28,538	29,004
1994-95	18,842	5,831	4,410	1,156	30,239	29,064
1995-96	19,581	5,766	3,681	1,006	30,034	30,331
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR						
1987-88	3.3	0.6	17.3	-9.6	4.1	2.8
1988-89	4.1	0.0	0.8	15.0	3.3	2.9
1989-90	2.4	2.5	4.9	5.1	3.0	4.7
1990-91	4.2	4.1	-8.8	-6.2	0.2	-1.0
1991-92	1.6	2.3	-6.0	-7.8	1.4	-2.4
1992-93	0.3	0.6	-4.0	-5.4	-0.5	3.9
1993-94	3.3	6.3	-1.4	-12.1	2.5	3.3
1994-95	4.3	2.4	21.0	1.9	6.0	0.2
1995-96	3.9	-1.1	-16.5	-13.0	-0.7	4.4
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$ million)						
1993 - 94 -						
March	4,381	1,323	848	245	6,797	7,015
June	4,469	1,595	938	373	7,375	7,086
1994 - 95 -						
September	4,594	1,423	1,041	235	7,293	7,134
December	4,926	1,446	1,425	281	8,078	7,783
March	4,560	1,367	952	297	7,176	6,952
June	4,762	1,595	992	343	7,692	7,195
1995 - 96 -						
September	4,839	1,484	839	190	7,352	7,161
December	5,182	1,464	1,055	219	7,920	8,513
March	4,685	1,380	807	243	7,115	7,252
June	4,875	1,438	980	354	7,647	7,405
1996 - 97 -						
September	4,909	1,418	1,032	192	7,551	7,302
December	5,185	1,438	1,258	213	8,094	8,641
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$ million)						
1993 - 94 -						
June	4,566	1,447	974	279	7,266	7,264
1994 - 95 -						
September	4,603	1,455	1,103	292	7,453	7,239
December	4,670	1,452	1,163	303	7,588	7,205
March	4,755	1,463	1,095	291	7,604	7,238
June	4,832	1,484	977	266	7,559	7,342
1995 - 96 -						
September	4,873	1,490	907	246	7,516	7,494
December	4,887	1,468	900	247	7,502	7,599
March	4,899	1,428	915	255	7,497	7,630
June	4,916	1,407	975	253	7,551	7,633
1996 - 97 -						
September	4,924	1,409	1,057	246	7,636	7,663
December	4,925	1,425	1,142	242	7,734	7,712
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND						
1994 - 95 -						
September	0.8	0.6	13.2	4.7	2.6	-0.3
December	1.5	-0.2	5.4	3.8	1.8	-0.5
March	1.8	0.8	-5.8	-4.0	0.2	0.5
June	1.6	1.4	-10.8	-8.6	-0.6	1.4
1995 - 96 -						
September	0.8	0.4	-7.2	-7.5	-0.6	2.1
December	0.3	-1.5	-0.8	0.4	-0.2	1.4
March	0.2	-2.7	1.7	3.2	-0.1	0.4
June	0.3	-1.5	6.6	-0.8	0.7	0.0
1996 - 97 -						
September	0.2	0.1	8.4	-2.8	1.1	0.4
December	0.0	1.1	8.0	-1.6	1.3	0.6

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STATE ACCOUNTS AT CURRENT PRICES South Australia

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross fixed capital expenditure		State final demand	Gross State product (l)	Wages, salaries and supplements
	Private	Public	Private	Public			
ANNUAL (\$ million)							
1986-87	12,470	4,203	3,255	1,287	21,215	20,609	10,602
1987-88	13,748	4,392	3,964	1,196	23,300	22,828	11,230
1988-89	15,248	4,649	4,151	1,429	25,477	25,526	12,546
1989-90	16,474	5,003	4,488	1,577	27,542	27,969	13,954
1990-91	18,122	5,477	4,234	1,529	29,362	28,429	14,746
1991-92	18,958	5,812	4,021	1,429	30,220	28,719	14,718
1992-93	19,493	5,971	3,980	1,371	30,815	29,991	15,131
1993-94	20,464	6,680	4,007	1,191	32,342	31,979	16,243
1994-95	21,674	6,773	4,849	1,223	34,502	33,403	16,607
1995-96	22,916	6,809	4,082	1,069	34,876	35,469	17,318
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR							
1987-88	10.2	4.5	21.8	-7.1	9.8	10.8	5.9
1988-89	10.9	5.9	4.7	19.5	9.3	11.8	11.7
1989-90	8.0	7.6	8.1	10.4	8.1	9.6	11.2
1990-91	10.0	9.5	-5.7	-3.0	6.6	1.6	5.7
1991-92	4.6	6.1	-5.0	-6.5	2.9	1.0	-0.2
1992-93	2.8	2.7	-1.0	-4.1	2.0	4.4	2.8
1993-94	5.0	11.9	0.7	-13.1	5.0	6.6	7.3
1994-95	5.9	1.4	21.0	2.7	6.7	4.5	2.2
1995-96	5.7	0.5	-15.8	-12.6	1.1	6.2	4.3
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$ million)							
1993 - 94 -							
March	4,968	1,503	940	255	7,666	7,794	3,916
June	5,084	1,923	1,038	390	8,435	8,029	4,195
1994 - 95 -							
September	5,244	1,653	1,146	246	8,289	8,169	4,151
December	5,641	1,697	1,531	294	9,163	8,803	4,108
March	5,263	1,559	1,064	317	8,203	8,092	4,087
June	5,509	1,864	1,108	366	8,847	8,339	4,261
1995 - 96 -							
September	5,643	1,747	927	199	8,516	8,328	4,223
December	6,061	1,716	1,196	232	9,205	9,926	4,475
March	5,499	1,622	887	259	8,267	8,485	4,226
June	5,713	1,724	1,072	379	8,888	8,730	4,394
1996 - 97 -							
September	5,773	1,681	1,066	205	8,725	8,500	4,375
December	6,120	1,735	1,288	228	9,371	9,816	4,525
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$ million)							
1993 - 94 -							
March	5,154	1,675	983	293	8,105	8,043	4,073
June	5,192	1,708	1,074	291	8,265	8,173	4,108
1994 - 95 -							
September	5,250	1,709	1,206	306	8,471	8,256	4,112
December	5,351	1,688	1,272	320	8,631	8,291	4,118
March	5,477	1,688	1,206	309	8,680	8,355	4,153
June	5,596	1,722	1,089	281	8,688	8,505	4,220
1995 - 96 -							
September	5,673	1,744	1,018	260	8,695	8,712	4,289
December	5,711	1,733	1,008	262	8,714	8,866	4,327
March	5,740	1,697	1,013	272	8,722	8,915	4,353
June	5,765	1,680	1,051	270	8,766	8,894	4,367
1996 - 97 -							
September	5,786	1,683	1,104	264	8,837	8,902	4,391
December	5,803	1,702	1,168	260	8,933	8,949	4,431
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND							
1993 - 94 -							
June	0.7	2.0	9.3	-0.7	2.0	1.6	0.9
1994 - 95 -							
September	1.1	0.1	12.3	5.2	2.5	1.0	0.1
December	1.9	-1.2	5.5	4.6	1.9	0.4	0.1
March	2.4	0.0	-5.2	-3.4	0.6	0.8	0.8
June	2.2	2.0	-9.7	-9.1	0.1	1.8	1.6
1995 - 96 -							
September	1.4	1.3	-6.5	-7.5	0.1	2.4	1.6
December	0.7	-0.6	-1.0	0.8	0.2	1.8	0.9
March	0.5	-2.1	0.5	3.8	0.1	0.6	0.6
June	0.4	-1.0	3.8	-0.7	0.5	-0.2	0.3
1996 - 97 -							
September	0.4	0.2	5.0	-2.2	0.8	0.1	0.5
December	0.3	1.1	5.8	-1.5	1.1	0.5	0.9

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Conclusion

Food, beverages and tobacco remain the major export commodity group for South Australia. Within this group, wine exports have risen from \$71 million in 1988-89 to \$318 million in 1995-96 and represent 7% of total exports. The value of copper, silver, lead and zinc refining exports have increased from \$161 million to \$437 million between 1988-89 and 1995-96. This can be attributed to the performance of the Olympic Dam operations at Roxby Downs.

Japan has established itself over the past three decades as the major trading partner for South Australia. New Zealand, China, the United Kingdom and the United States of America together with Japan account for more than 40% of total exports for South Australia. China, Thailand and the Philippines have increased their share of South Australian exports since 1988-89 and now comprise 6.5%, 2.5% and 1.7% of total exports respectively in 1995-96. Most of this growth has occurred in the past two years and is indicative of the increase in trade with the East Asian region. Exports to this region have increased from \$869.2 million in 1988-89 to \$2,057.5 million in 1995-96.

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China

China was the largest market for South Australian exports of wool and sheepskins in 1995-96 with a value of \$72.2 million or 30% of total exports for this commodity group. This can be compared with 1988-89 when South Australia exported only \$7.6 million (2%) of wool and sheepskins to China.

United Kingdom

The United Kingdom was the second largest destination for food, beverages and tobacco in 1995-96 with a value of \$196.7 million. This is primarily due to wine exports valued at \$159.3 million (half of total South Australian wine exports).

The United Kingdom was the major destination for chemicals exports in 1995-96 with \$10.2 million, up from \$7.8 million in 1994-95.

United States

In 1995-96, the major category exported to the United States was food, beverages and tobacco with a value of \$108.0 million. This included meat and meat preparations worth \$46.1 million, down 33% from 1994-95 and wine which increased by 38% to \$40.9 million.

South Australia exported \$54.3 million of other manufactured goods to the United States in 1995-96 of which glass exports were the largest component with a value of \$16.9 million.

Taiwan

Taiwan was the major destination for South Australian exports of metals. The \$117.8 million exported to Taiwan in 1995-96 comprised \$51.1 million of copper, \$32.0 million of lead and \$29.8 million of iron and steel. However, exports of iron and steel to Taiwan fell by 55% from a value of \$66.9 million in 1994-95.

Other countries

In 1995-96 the major market for copper from South Australia was Germany with a value of \$69.7 million. This is an increase of 29% on the total for 1994-95.

Indonesia was the second largest destination for petroleum and petroleum products in 1995-96 with a customs value of \$62.8 million.

South Australia's second largest export market for fish and crustaceans was Hong Kong with a value of \$52.9 million.

Services Industry

While this article has concentrated on merchandise trade, it should be recognised that South Australia and indeed Australia is increasingly focusing on international trade in services. The past decade has seen the contribution of services exports to Australia's total goods and services exports increase from 18% to 23%. This growth has been just a part of the increasingly important role of the services sector in the Australian economy. In 1995-96, credits on Australian services were valued at \$22,964 million compared with \$21,724 million service debits.

At this stage services data on a State level are limited but the ABS is looking at ways of providing more comprehensive information.

Categories of services for which State data are becoming available include computer and information services, professional services, technical services, construction services, research and development, personal, cultural and recreational services, royalties and copyrights and other trade related services. Categories such as communication services which predominantly have a national focus will be difficult to allocate at a State level.

As with South Australia, Japan continues to be the predominant destination for Australian exports. In 1995-96 Japan was the destination for 22% of total Australian exports, while Korea was the next largest destination with 9%. Korea has been a major destination for Australian exports throughout the past 10 years but it has only twice been in the top eight for South Australian exports over that period.

New Zealand was the third largest export destination for Australia with 7% of total exports, followed by the United States (6%) and China (5%). These proportions are similar to the proportion of South Australian exports going to these destinations.

Exports by Country and Commodity Japan

Japan was the largest market for South Australian exports of food, beverages and tobacco (\$239.3 million), petroleum and petroleum products (\$69.0 million) and machinery (\$51.1 million) in 1995-96. Within the food, beverages and tobacco group, Japan was the major destination for exports of fish and crustaceans, meat and meat preparations, vegetables and fruit, and cereals and cereal preparations (although this must be treated with caution due to confidentiality restrictions on cereals).

The value of South Australian exports to Japan of petroleum and petroleum products fell 27% from \$95.1 million in 1994-95 while exports of machinery fell from \$60.8 million in 1994-95 to \$51.1 million in 1995-96.

Japan was also a destination for a significant proportion of the two categories, road vehicles, parts and accessories, and metals and metal manufactures.

New Zealand

New Zealand was the destination for 56% of South Australian exports of road vehicles, parts and accessories in 1995-96. However these exports fell from \$172.4 million in 1994-95 to \$140.0 million in 1995-96.

Exports to New Zealand also included other manufactured goods (\$47.2 million), food, beverages and tobacco (\$44.1 million), metals (\$40.3 million) and machinery (\$36.3 million). In addition, New Zealand was the second largest destination for South Australian exports of chemicals (\$9.1 million).

EXPORTS BY SELECTED COUNTRIES AND SELECTED COMMODITY GROUPS, 1995-96

Commodity Group	Japan \$m	New Zealand \$m	China \$m	United Kingdom \$m	United States \$m	Hong Kong \$m	Taiwan \$m	Germany \$m
Food, beverages and tobacco	239.3	44.1	21.1	196.7	108.0	66.1	22.5	17.5
Petrol and petrol products	69.0	4.6	-	0.2	-	25.1	11.7	-
Chemicals	2.1	9.1	1.5	10.2	9.1	3.3	0.8	5.5
Wool and sheepskins	9.4	1.1	72.2	8.2	14.5	21.0	20.3	13.0
Metals and metal manufactures	51.1	40.3	2.2	1.2	4.4	12.5	117.8	70.5
Machinery	51.1	36.3	5.5	15.6	44.5	33.1	4.6	1.5
Road vehicles and accessories	60.7	140.0	-	1.8	15.8	1.8	0.8	3.0
Other manufacturing	30.7	47.2	5.0	12.4	54.3	16.5	4.2	4.6
Total	672.9	376.6	293.3	287.7	279.6	202.0	199.2	132.4

Exports of road vehicles, parts and accessories fell 25% to \$249.2 million in 1995-96, a result of a 31% (\$85.5 million) fall in the category motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons but have increased dramatically (\$513.8 million) in the first 9 months of 1996-97. Parts and accessories of motor vehicles was the second largest component of the commodity group in 1995-96 with \$51.8 million.

Road vehicles, parts and accessories has made up between 5% and 10% of total South Australian exports in the years since 1988-89 while this group has been relatively less important on a national basis comprising less than 2% of Australian exports over the same period.

Wool and sheepskins have comprised between 8% and 10% of South Australian exports for 6 of the past 8 financial years. In 1995-96 the value of wool exports was \$239.9 million (5% of total exports) the lowest value recorded between 1988-89 and 1995-96.

Petroleum and petroleum products made up 5% of total South Australian exports in 1995-96, down from 10% in the years 1990-91 to 1992-93. (Values recorded during 1990-91 were higher due to parity pricing in effect when prices rose dramatically as a consequence of the Gulf War.) Chemicals have been a relatively small commodity group for South Australia comprising between 1% and 2% of total exports in the past 8 years. This group has been slightly more important for Australia making up 4% of exports in 1995-96.

Exports by Country

Japan has been the major country of destination for South Australian exports for all but 3 of the past 30 years. In 1995-96 South Australia exported \$672.9 million (15% of total exports) to Japan. This was almost double the second most significant destination, New Zealand to which goods worth \$376.6 million (8%) were exported.

Prior to 1965-66, the United Kingdom was the major destination of South Australian exports with the exception of 1941-42 and 1945-46 when the United States held that position. South Australian exports to the United Kingdom were \$287.7 million in 1995-96 making it the fourth ranking destination.

The former USSR was a significant destination for South Australian exports between 1973-74 and 1988-89, becoming the major destination for 3 years from 1979-80 to 1981-82. In 1995-96 China became the third largest country of destination with a value of \$293.3 million.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN EXPORTS, PROPORTIONS BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION

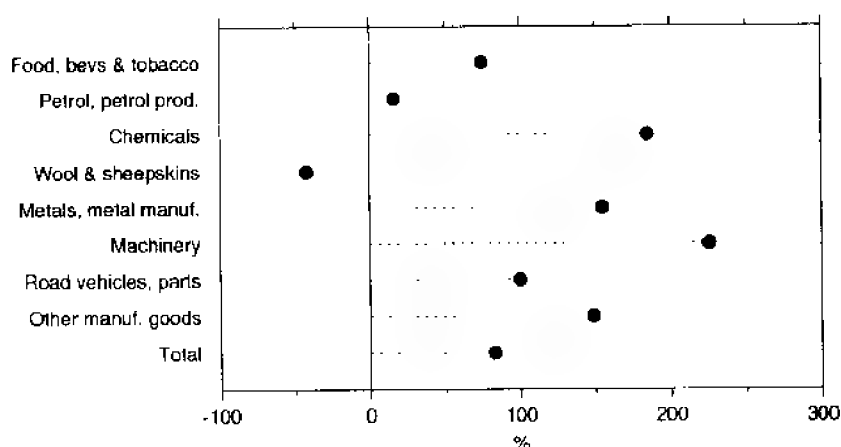
Country	1965-66 %	1970-71 %	1975-76 %	1980-81 %	1985-86 %	1990-91 %	1995-96 %
Japan	18	18	20	12	18	15	15
New Zealand	6	6	5	6	5	6	8
China	2	4	1	6	6	5	7
United Kingdom	23	14	6	2	4	6	6
United States	10	6	4	5	7	11	6
Taiwan	—	—	2	2	2	3	4
Germany	4	3	5	1	2	3	3
USSR	2	3	9	17	8	4	—

The United States was less significant as an export market for South Australia in 1995-96 with a value of \$279.6 million. This is a 29% fall from the \$393.6 million exported in 1993-94 but exports to the United States have shown an increase in the first 9 months of 1996-97.

Wine exports increased to \$318.4 million in 1995-96, a rise of 345% since 1988-89. As a proportion of total State exports they have increased from 3% in 1988-89 to 7% in 1995-96. This indicates that wine is now a significant export commodity for the State. In contrast, nationally, wine exports made up less than 1% of total exports in 1995-96.

Meat and meat preparations is another important sub-group of food, beverages and tobacco. In 1995-96 exports were valued at \$244.5 million, a 21% fall from the \$307.8 million recorded in 1994-95. Since 1988-89 the value of fish and crustacean exports increased 105% from \$95.7 million to \$196.6 million in 1995-96 and the value of vegetable and fruit exports increased 132% from \$65.5 million to \$151.8 million. In contrast the value of total exports increased 84%.

PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN EXPORTS - 1988-89 TO 1995-96
SELECTED COMMODITY GROUPS



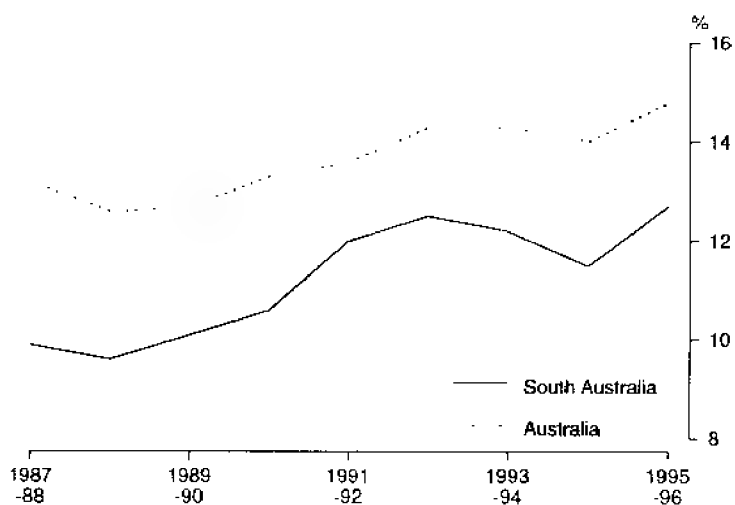
South Australia exported \$610.9 million of metals and metal manufactures in 1995-96, an increase of 7% from the previous year. This group accounted for 14% of total exports for South Australia and 10% of Australian exports.

Copper and lead exports were the main two components of metal and metal manufactures exports with \$198.4 million and \$194.4 million respectively in 1995-96. The other large component was ingots and other primary and semi-finished forms, of iron or steel with exports of \$76.2 million.

Since 1988-89 there has been an increase in the importance of machinery exports at both a State and national level. Machinery made up 8% of total South Australian exports and 9% of national exports in 1995-96 compared with 4% for each in 1988-89. Power generating machinery was the main component of machinery with exports of \$115.6 million, up from \$25.8 million in 1988-89.

In 1995-96, South Australian exports of the commodity group, other manufactured goods amounted to \$279.0 million (or 6% of total exports). The largest two components were leather (\$50.6 million) and glass (\$31.0 million). This can be compared with 1988-89 when the largest component of other manufactured goods was the category pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, with exports of \$13.1 million.

**EXPORTS AS A PROPORTION OF GROSS STATE PRODUCT (I)
AND GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (I)**



Exports by Commodity

The largest export commodity group for South Australia in 1995-96, as it has been for each of the last 8 years, was food, beverages and tobacco with a value of \$1,765.6 million or 39% of total South Australian exports. Nationally, food, beverages and tobacco made up 21% of total exports in 1995-96.

Food, beverages and tobacco are divided into 5 large sub-groups as illustrated in the table below. The largest of these were cereals and cereal preparations with exports of \$713.0 million in 1995-96, up 173% on 1994-95. Wheat exports were the main component of cereals and cereal preparations, with a value of \$642.8 million in 1995-96. This represented 14% of total exports for South Australia. Exports of barley are not included in cereal and cereal preparations due to confidentiality restrictions.

PROPORTION OF EXPORTS BY SELECTED COMMODITY GROUPS

Selected Commodity Group	South Australia		Australia	
	1988-89	1995-96	1988-89	1995-96
	%	%	%	%
Food, beverages and tobacco:				
Cereals and cereal preparations	19	16	6	6
Meat and meat preparations	7	5	5	4
Fish and crustaceans	4	4	1	1
Vegetables and fruit	3	3	1	1
Wine	3	7	—	1
Other	5	4	7	8
Petroleum and petroleum products	8	5	3	4
Chemicals	1	1	2	4
Wool and sheepskins	17	5	14	5
Metals and metal manufactures	10	14	11	10
Machinery	4	8	4	9
Road vehicles, parts and accessories	5	6	1	2
Other manufactured goods	5	6	5	8
Confidential	5	12	2	1

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South Australian International Merchandise Trade - Part 2, Exports

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Introduction

This is the second of two articles covering the international merchandise trade of South Australia. The first article in the May edition of this publication covered imports and this article concentrates on exports.

International merchandise trade statistics are compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from information submitted by exporters and importers or their agents to the Australian Customs Service as required by the Customs Act. The value of exports is the free on board (f.o.b.) transactions value of the goods expressed in Australian dollars.

In this article South Australian merchandise export statistics relate to goods for which the final stage of production or manufacture occurred in South Australia. All data excludes re-exported goods. Export data is classified according to the United Nations Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 3 (SITC) unless otherwise stated.

Restrictions are placed on the release of statistics for certain commodities for reasons of confidentiality. These restrictions do not affect total export figures but may affect commodity or country of destination subtotals. In 1995-96 there was \$558.4 million of South Australian exports (12% of the total) which were confidential and have not been classified to commodity. Barley is an example of a commodity which is a significant export and for which no commodity detail may be released.

As noted in the first article Australia has an integrated economy and goods are traded freely across State boundaries and the full extent of these flows is presently unmeasured. Earlier research has indicated that the value of interstate goods trade from South Australia may be more than twice as large as recorded overseas exports. This article deals only with those goods recorded by Customs as having their final stage of production in South Australia. Intermediate goods produced in South Australia, transported interstate and incorporated into final goods for export from that State are not recorded as South Australian exports.

Merchandise Exports

South Australian merchandise exports increased by 17% to \$4,496.9 million in 1995-96. This follows a 2% fall in value in 1994-95. In the past five years the value of exports from South Australia have increased 50%. Over the same period Australian exports have increased 45%.

South Australian exports as a proportion of gross state product have increased steadily over the past 9 years to a high of 13% in 1995-96. Australia's total exports represent 15% of gross domestic product. Since 1987-88 the South Australian ratio has shown similar movements to the national ratio as the graph on the following page indicates.

Indicator		Period	SOUTH AUSTRALIA			AUSTRALIA			SA as a % of Australia	Source index
			No.	% change from		No.	% change from			
				Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year		
Prices										
CPI - All groups	1989-90=100	Mar. qtr 97	122.6	0.0	0.8	120.5	0.2	1.3	..	13
Price index of materials used in house building	1989-90=100	Mar. 97	121.1	0.3	2.5	116.4	0.3	1.1	..	14
Price index of materials used in building other than houses	1989-90=100	Mar. 97	114.3	-0.3	1.2	113.6	0.1	0.8	..	15
Price index of established houses	1989-90=100	Dec. qtr 96	106.7	-1.0	-0.7	114.3	0.3	1.7	..	16
Price index of project homes	1989-90=100	Dec. qtr 96	107.3	-3.6	-4.8	109.1	-0.3	-0.3	..	16
Labour Force and Demography										
Population (resident at end qtr)	'000	Sep. qtr 96	1,480.2	0.1	0.4	18,348.7	0.3	1.3	8.1	17
Labour force										
Original	'000	Apr. 97	731.8	-0.9	0.2	9,210.8	-0.3	1.5	7.9	18
Trend	'000	Apr. 97	733.4	0.2	0.8	9,217.3	0.0	1.5	8.0	18
Employed persons										
Original	'000	Apr. 97	660.7	-1.0	-0.1	8,411.2	0.2	1.6	7.9	18
Trend	'000	Apr. 97	663.6	0.1	0.7	8,413.0	0.0	1.2	7.9	18
Participation rate										
Original (a)	%	Apr. 97	61.9	-0.6	-0.3	63.4	-0.3	0.0	..	18
Trend (a)	%	Apr. 97	62.0	0.0	0.1	63.5	0.0	0.0	..	18
Unemployment rate										
Original (a)	%	Apr. 97	9.7	0.1	0.2	8.7	-0.5	0.0	..	18
Trend (a)	%	Mar. 97	9.5	0.0	0.1	8.7	0.0	0.2	..	18
Job vacancies	'000	Feb. 97	3.7	42.3	37.0	62.6	0.5	-2.0	5.9	19
Average weekly overtime per employee working overtime	hours	Feb. 97	6.6	2.3	3.9	7.1	-1.0	-0.7	..	19
Industrial disputes	'000 working days lost	Feb. 97	0.0	..	-100.0	17.2	-26.8	-62.3	0.0	20
Short-term overseas visitors arrivals	No.	Feb. 97	8,751	11.1	9.7	407,964	19.0	3.9	2.1	21
Short-term resident departures	No.	Feb. 97	8,432	12.5	10.0	180,215	-7.3	7.8	4.7	21
Incomes										
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time)				-	-	-				
Original	\$	Feb. 97	649.70	1.6	3.7	694.10	1.2	4.3	..	22
Trend	\$	Feb. 97	647.20	1.0	3.5	692.90	1.0	4.1	..	22
Award rates of pay index (full-time adults, weekly)	Jun.1985=100	Mar. 97	150.6	0.1	1.6	147.7	0.2	1.3	..	23
Financial markets										
Secured housing finance	\$m	Mar. 97	264.8	0.7	-14.0	4,479.2	5.1	2.1	5.9	24
Finance commitments										
Personal	\$m	Mar. 97	242.0	12.9	28.9	2,949.0	2.5	11.2	8.2	25
Commercial	\$m	Mar. 97	526.6	26.8	-3.0	11,477.6	5.2	-4.3	4.6	25
Lease	\$m	Mar. 97	13.9	-8.7	-45.1	587.0	1.1	-12.8	2.4	25
Interest rates										
Banks new housing loans (a)	%	Apr. 97	..	..	..	7.55	0.0	-3.0	..	26
Banks business loans (a)										
small, medium sized business	%	Apr. 97	..	..	..	9.75	0.0	-1.5	..	26
large business	%	Apr. 97	..	..	..	9.30	0.0	-1.5	..	26

(a) Change is shown in terms of percentage points.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Indicator		Period	SOUTH AUSTRALIA			AUSTRALIA			SA as a % of Australia	Source index
			No.	% change from		No.	% change from			
				Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year		
State Accounts										
Gross domestic product (I)										
Current prices	\$m	Dec. 96 qtr	9,816	15.5	-1.1	135,799	9.9	5.3	7.2	1
1989-90 prices trend	\$m	Dec. 96 qtr	7,712	0.6	1.5	111,471	0.6	3.2	6.9	1
Wages, salaries and supplements										
Current prices trend	\$m	Dec. 96 qtr	4,431	0.9	2.4	63,684	1.8	6.9	7.0	1
Private final consumption expenditure										
Current prices	\$m	Dec. 96 qtr	6,120	6.0	1.0	81,884	5.9	3.7	7.5	1
1989-90 prices trend	\$m	Dec. 96 qtr	4,925	0.0	0.8	66,278	0.3	2.4	7.4	1
Private gross fixed capital expenditure										
1989-90 prices trend	\$m	Dec. 96 qtr	1,142	8.0	26.9	20,364	2.0	11.4	5.6	1
International Accounts										
Exports (excluding re-exports)	\$m	Mar. 97	500.9	-1.6	6.5	6,308.1	3.4	-3.8	7.9	2
Imports	\$m	Mar. 97	257.3	-15.3	6.0	5,991.0	-1.4	-4.5	4.3	2
Consumption and Investment										
Retail Turnover										
Current prices original	\$m	Mar. 97	739.2	9.8	0.3	10,032.0	8.5	2.2	7.4	3
Current prices trend	\$m	Mar. 97	769.8	0.7	1.2	10,489.5	0.9	3.2	7.3	3
1989-90 prices original	\$m	Mar. qtr 97	1,790.1	-16.1	-1.2	24,559.8	-14.5	0.1	7.3	3
New motor vehicle registrations										
Original	No.	Mar. 97	3,627	-5.2	-6.2	54,994	0.2	0.3	6.6	4
Trend	No.	Mar. 97	3,866	2.4	3.8	58,392	2.0	8.3	6.6	4
Private new capital expenditure										
Current prices original	\$m	Dec. qtr 96	658	4.4	22.3	11,342	10.8	14.1	5.8	6
Current prices trend	\$m	Dec. qtr 96	641	5.4	51.5	10,611	-0.3	14.7	6.0	6
Private new capital expenditure										
	\$m	1995-96	1,804	..	-14.3	38,601	..	12.5	4.7	6
Takings, licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities										
	\$m	Dec. qtr 96	43.3	15.2	0.6	946.1	5.5	8.3	4.6	5
Production										
Dwelling unit approvals										
Original	No.	Mar. 97	543	15.0	24.3	10,412	-2.1	2.5	5.2	7
Trend	No.	Mar. 97	493	1.0	8.6	11,669	1.0	13.2	4.2	7
New dwelling units commenced	No.	Dec. qtr 96	1,517	14.8	-4.4	31,438	3.8	3.0	4.8	8a
Value of non-residential building approvals										
	\$m	Mar. 97	35.4	-33.3	-29.1	626.1	-33.1	-17.5	5.7	7
Value of total building activity										
Commenced	\$m	Dec. qtr 96	273.5	14.4	-4.8	7,057.3	8.3	15.4	3.9	8
Work done	\$m	Dec. qtr 96	344.6	21.7	5.2	7,214.8	3.3	1.1	4.8	8
Work yet to be done	\$m	Dec. qtr 96	345.0	-14.0	11.7	9,517.6	1.3	14.4	3.6	8
Value of engineering construction work done										
	\$m	Dec. qtr 96	186.1	23.1	11.8	3,762.3	-1.9	0.0	4.9	9
Manufacturing production										
Electricity (SA and NT)	mill. kWh	Mar. 97	718	-16.3	-6.2	13,778	2.7	-1.9	5.2	10
Cheese	tonnes	Feb. 97	2,043	-19.4	-57.5	21,944	-15.1	2.7	9.3	10
Red meat	tonnes	Mar. 97	16,993	-8.8	-11.0	224,287	-1.9	-3.0	7.6	11
Mineral exploration expenditure (other than for petroleum)										
	\$m	Dec. qtr 96	8.0	48.1	21.2	309.5	12.9	35.0	2.6	12



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**EXPECTED PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
BY SELECTED INDUSTRY AND TYPE OF ASSET
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

	6 months to June 1997	1996-97	1997-98
<i>Selected industries and type of asset</i>	\$m	\$m	\$m
Mining	140	280	228
Manufacturing	642	1 051	702
Other	502	1 240	857
Total expenditure	1 284	2 571	1 787
Buildings etc.	302	596	511
Equipment etc.	982	1 975	1 276

Once actual expenditure for a financial year is known, it is useful to investigate the relationship between previous expectations and the expenditure that was actually incurred. The resultant realisation ratios (subsequent actual expenditure divided by expected expenditure) then indicates how much expenditure was actually incurred against the amount expected to be incurred at various times of reporting.

Realisation ratios provide an important tool in understanding and interpreting statistics for future periods. The application of realisation ratios enables the adjustment of expectation data for known under (or over) realisation patterns in the past and hence provides a valid basis for comparison with other expectation data and actual expenditure estimates.

The following table shows the average realisation ratios over the past 4 years for the composite estimate (6 months actual and 6 months expected) and the 12 month expectation from the December quarter surveys.

**RATIOS OF ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO EXPECTED PRIVATE NEW
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED INDUSTRY AND TYPE OF ASSET - 4 YEAR
AVERAGES
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

<i>Selected industries and type of asset</i>	<i>Composite estimate</i>	<i>12 month expectation</i>
Mining	0.88	1.18
Manufacturing	0.97	1.06
Other	0.98	1.58
Total expenditure	0.96	1.25
Buildings etc.	0.96	1.53
Equipment etc.	0.96	1.19

The quarterly data are released in more detail in the *Australian Economic Indicators* (1350.0). The CLI was the topic of the Focus article in the September 1993 edition of *South Australian Economic Indicators* (1307.4).

Australian Business Expectations

Surveys of business expectations have been available to decision makers for a number of years from several sources. These surveys provided *qualitative* indicators in the form of the net proportion of businesses expecting a rise or fall in future business conditions. Since the December quarter 1993, the ABS has been compiling a *quantitative* indicator of business expectations in the form of an expected weighted aggregate change in a range of economic variables. These data are available on a quarterly basis in *Australian Business Expectations* (5250.0).

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND AUSTRALIA SALES OF GOODS AND SERVICES EXPECTED PERCENTAGE AGGREGATE CHANGE

Reference Period	Short term		Medium term	
	Expected aggregate change between		Expected aggregate change between	
	Dec. 1996 and Mar. 1997	Mar. 1997 and June 1997	Mar. 1996 and Mar 1997	Mar. 1997 and Mar. 1998
	%	%	%	%
South Australia	-0.1	2.8	3.6	4.0
Australia	0.4	1.6	4.1	2.9

Short term

Businesses in South Australia expect an increase of 2.8% in sales of goods and services in the June quarter 1997 compared with the March quarter while the national expectation was a 1.6% increase. The largest expected increases in sales were in electricity, gas and water (10.3%) and manufacturing 6.1%.

Medium term

Businesses in South Australia expect sales of goods and services in the March quarter 1998 to be 4.0% above March quarter 1997. Australia-wide the expectation was for 2.9% growth. The South Australian expectation of 4.0% was the second largest of all States and Territories.

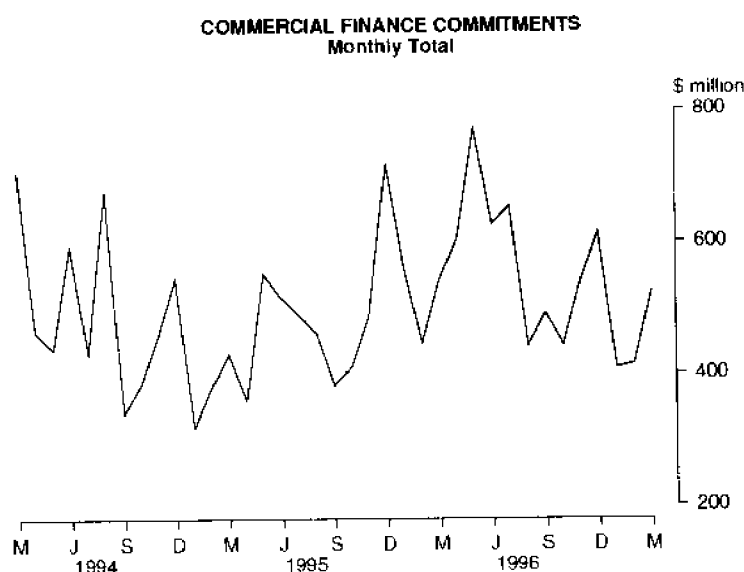
Expected New Capital Expenditure

State estimates of actual new capital expenditure by private businesses in Australia are compiled each quarter. Details appear on pages 6, 20 and 36 of this publication.

Each December businesses in the survey are asked for details of their longer term expectations for capital expenditure by State enabling estimates to be made for periods 6 months and 18 months ahead of the reference period. The collection of expectations in the December quarter survey also allows the derivation of a composite estimate (6 months actual plus 6 months expectations) for that financial year.

The following table shows the forward estimates made with the December 1996 collection.

Revolving credit facilities increased 63.4% to \$237.0 million, 18.7% above March 1996. The main increase was for agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, up \$80.4 million to \$115.3 million, the highest month since March 1989. The main fall was for manufacturing down \$31.7 million to \$13.4 million, the lowest month since September 1994.



Lease Finance

The value of goods under new finance lease commitments remained low for the third consecutive month, with March down 8.7%, 45.1% below March 1996. This brought South Australian new commitments down to 2.4% of the national total.

New motor cars and station wagons not subject to depreciation (the largest category), decreased 12.3% to \$4.0 million, 24.6% below March 1996. Electronic data processing equipment and office machines were the other categories with large falls, following high increases in the previous month. The main increases in March were for agricultural machinery and equipment and new heavy trucks, both of which also had substantial increases in the previous month.

Forward Outlook

Composite Leading Indicator

The Composite Leading Indicator (CLI) is a single time series produced by aggregating eight individual economic indicators, and has been developed by the ABS as an experimental series to supplement existing forms of economic analysis and modelling.

The CLI summarises the early signals contained in a selection of economic indicators and is designed to assist the detection of turning points between successive expansions and slow downs of economic activity as measured by constant price GDP(A). It does not attempt to forecast the level of economic activity.

In the December quarter 1996 :

- the experimental CLI rose 0.12%, following rises of 0.31% and 0.25% in the June and September quarters respectively;
- the last turning point in the deviation from its long-term trend for average Gross Domestic Product GDP (A) was a peak in the March quarter 1995. This peak was not predicted by the CLI as it is not well equipped to predict turning points driven predominantly by farm production as was the case in 1995-96.

Total housing finance commitments (original figures including alterations and additions) increased in March by 0.7% to \$264.8 million, 14.0% below March 1996. This has now fallen to 5.9% of the national figure. The big increase of 24.3% in refinancing, which reached \$57.5 million, countered the falls in the other major categories. Refinancing represented 21.7% of total new lending commitments. The other category to increase was commitments for newly erected dwellings up 2.7% to \$7.6 million.

Commitments for the purchase of established houses were down 2.3% to \$158.6 million, 8.8% below the previous March. Construction of dwellings decreased 7.8% to \$28.3 million, 11.4% below March 1996 and alterations and additions declined 21.5% to \$12.9 million, 44.4% below March 1996.

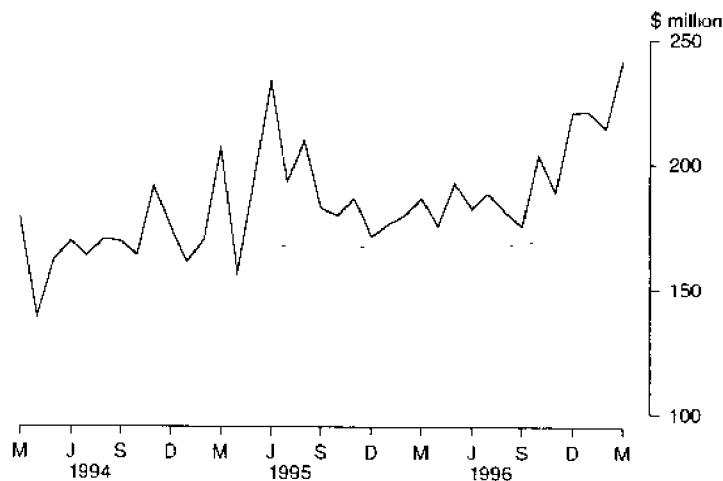
Personal Finance

Total commitments continued the upward climb of the past six months with an increase of 12.9% to \$242.0 million in March. The national total increased 2.5% during the month to be 11.2% above March 1996. South Australian commitments for the month were 8.2% of the national total.

The substantial increase in the total was mainly due to the rise in revolving credit facilities, particularly secured credit facilities which increased 34.7% to \$84.3 million maintaining the very high level of the previous three months. Unsecured revolving credit facilities increased 7.3% to \$38.5 million, 23.9% higher than March 1996.

Fixed loan commitments increased 2.8% to \$119.2 million but were 14.0% below March 1996. Refinancing, up 8.8% to \$21.4 million, and debt consolidation, up 9.8% to \$12.9 million, were the main fixed loan commitments to increase. Finance for used motor vehicles and station wagons, was up 0.8% to \$34.1million, 12.4% lower than the previous year. New motor vehicles and station wagons, were up 4.3% to \$13.5 million, 16.1% higher than the previous year and 6.5% of the national total.

PERSONAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS
(ALL LENDERS)
Monthly Total



Incomes

Average Weekly Earnings

The trend estimate of average weekly ordinary time earnings of full-time adult employees in South Australia increased by 1.0% during the three months to February 1997. Male full-time ordinary time earnings increased by 1.1% in February 1997 whilst over the same period female full-time adults ordinary time earnings increased by 1.4%.

In the 12 months to February 1997 the trend estimate of average weekly ordinary time earnings of full-time adults increased by 3.5%. This compares with a 4.0% increase for full-time adult total earnings.

Note: Since it is an average of earnings across all employees, changes in average weekly earnings may occur through changes in employment as well as changes in pay levels.

Award Rates of Pay

In the 12 months to March 1997, the weekly award rates of pay index for full-time employees in South Australia increased by 1.7%. This was the highest increase for any State or Territory in Australia.

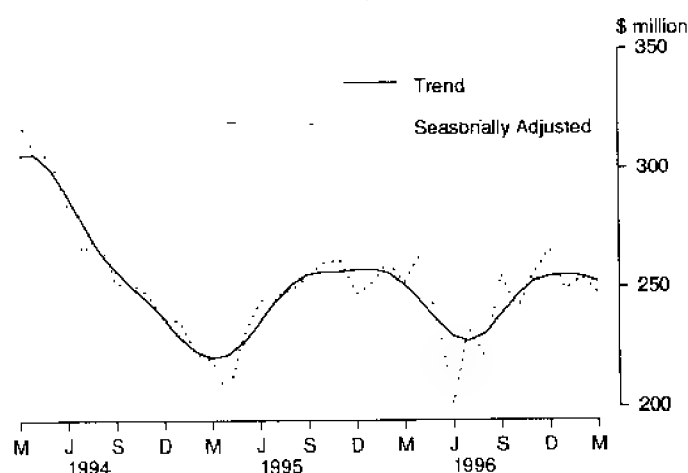
For full-time adult male employees in South Australia, the largest annual movement of the index occurred in the community services industry division, with an increase of 1.9%. For full-time adult female employees, the largest annual movement of the index occurred in manufacturing with an increase of 4.3%.

Financial Markets

Housing Finance

The levelling off apparent in the first months of the year of the trend estimate, continued with March 1997 falling 0.9% to \$252.3 million, 0.4% above March 1996. The national trend increased 0.4% for the month, 15.4% above the previous March.

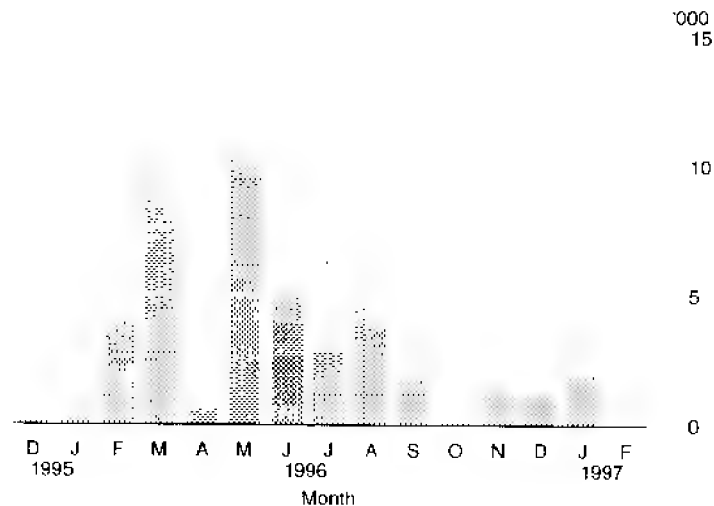
**SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS
TO INDIVIDUALS (ALL LENDERS)
(Excluding Alterations and Additions)
Monthly Total**



Industrial Disputes

No working days were lost through industrial disputes in South Australia during February 1997. Tasmania, the ACT and the Northern Territory also experienced zero or negligible levels of disputation. For Australia, 17,200 working days were lost in February 1997, down from the 45,600 days lost in February 1996.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES
Working Days Lost

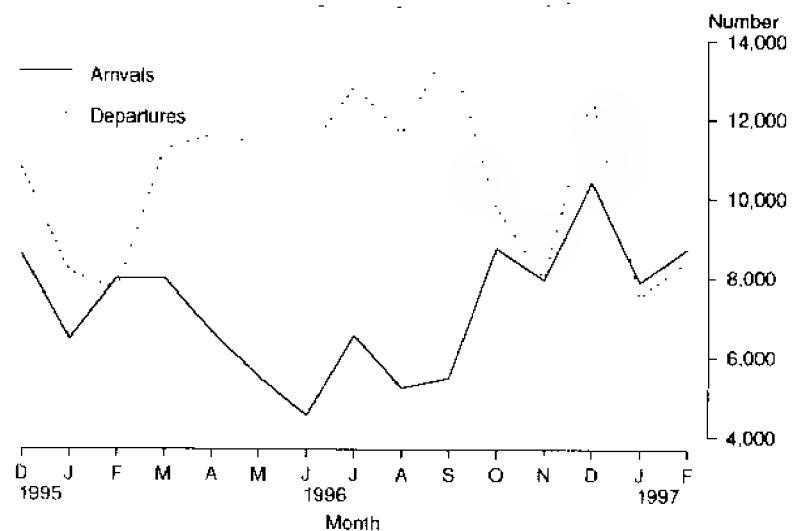
*Short term Overseas Visitor Arrivals*

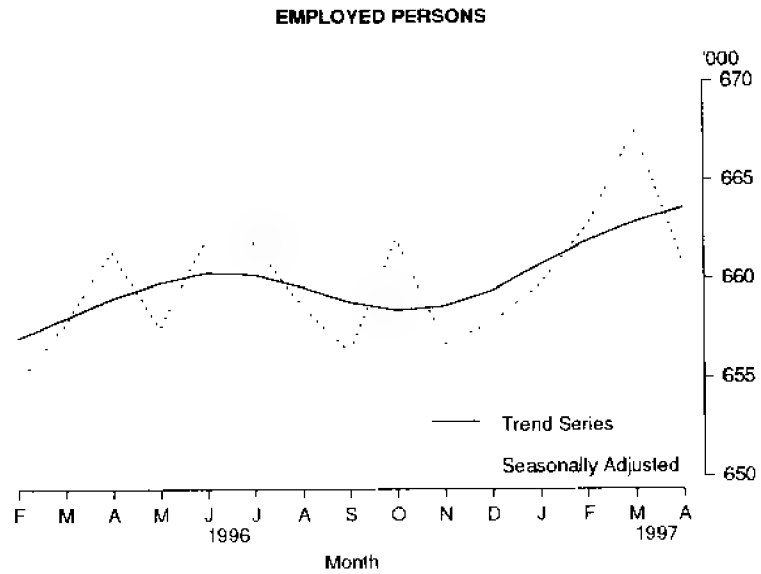
In February 1997, 8,751 short term overseas visitors arrived in South Australia, the highest February number for a decade. This represents an 11.1% increase from January 1997 and a 9.7% rise from the same time last year. This reflects the overall growth in the number of short term visitor arrivals to Australia (407,964) in February 1997, up 3.9% from February 1996. However, the South Australian share of the short term overseas visitor market in Australia fell to 2.1%.

Short term Resident Departures

There were 8,432 short term resident departures overseas from South Australia in February 1997. This is 12.5% more than in January 1997 and 10.0% greater than in February 1996. The Australian data for the same period shows a 7.8% increase in February 1997 and a 7.3% decrease when compared with February 1996.

SHORT TERM OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

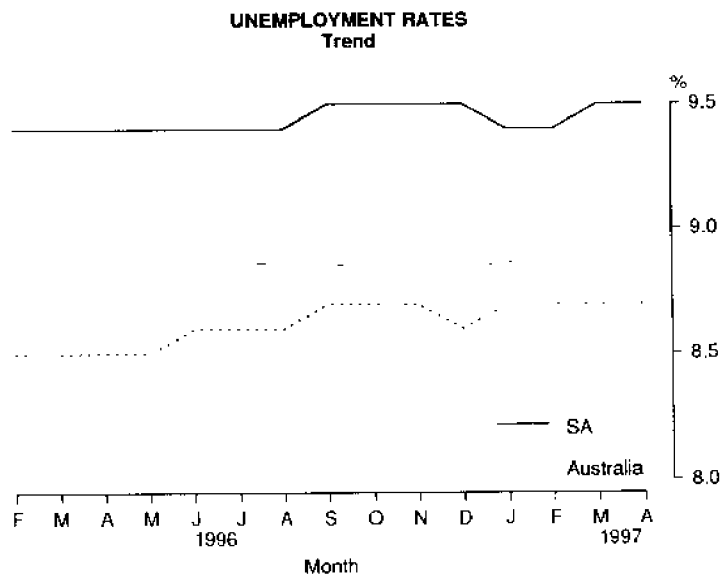




Unemployment

The trend unemployment rate for South Australia has shown little change since January 1996. The estimate for April 1997 was 9.5%. Over the past twelve months, the trend estimate of the participation rate (or the labour force expressed as a proportion of the civilian population) has also remained flat, with an estimate of 61.9% being recorded for April 1996 and 62.0% for April 1997.

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Australia has remained at 8.7% in the four months of 1997. This is higher than the 8.5% recorded in April 1996. The unemployment rate for males exceeded the level for females - 8.9% compared with 8.5%, for April 1997.

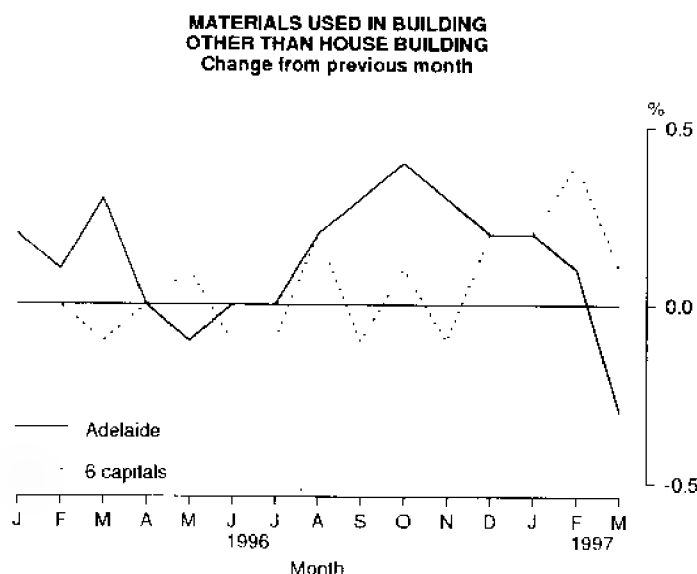


Overtime

In original terms, the proportion of employees who worked overtime in South Australia in February 1997 was 15.7%. This was higher than the February 1996 estimate of 13.8%.

At February 1997, the proportion of employees in Australia who worked overtime was 15.4%, down from the 15.9% recorded in February 1996.

In February 1997, employees who worked overtime in South Australia recorded an average of 6.6 overtime hours per week. This was slightly lower than the corresponding national level of 7.1 hours.



House Prices

During the December quarter 1996 the Price Index of Established Houses in Adelaide decreased 1.0% and the Project Home Index decreased 3.6%. The weighted average of the eight capital cities index, over the same period showed a 0.3% increase for established houses and a 0.3% decrease for project houses.

Passenger Transport Costs

The passenger transport cost index measures changes in the costs of operating a public transport passenger bus service in Adelaide. Costs covered include labour costs, leasing charges, registration and insurance, repairs and maintenance, fuel and overheads. The index has been compiled on a quarterly basis from September 1995 with a base of 100.0 in 1993-94. The March quarter 1996 index was 108.0, up 0.2% from 107.8 in December 1996. The index showed a 2.3% increase in the 12 months to March 1997.

Labour Force and Demography

Population

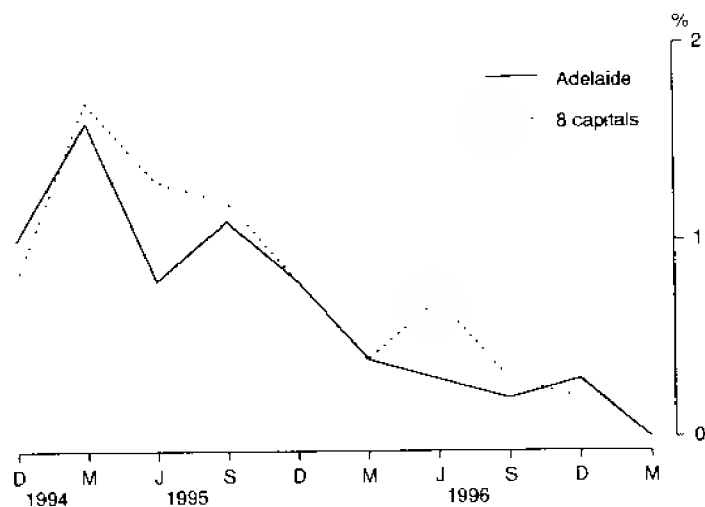
At 30 September 1996 the estimated resident population of South Australia was 1,480,181. This was an increase (1,028) persons from the June quarter. The continuing low growth rate for South Australia is attributable to a net outflow in interstate migration of 1,589 persons which was partly offset by a net inflow of overseas migration of 1,042 persons. In the September quarter there was a natural increase of 1,575 persons.

Employment

The trend estimate of employed persons in South Australia has increased for six consecutive months, reaching 663,600 in April 1997. This represents a 0.7% increase over the level of twelve months ago. The main contributing factor has been a 3.8% increase in part-time employment, from an estimated 184,700 in April 1996 to 191,700 in April 1997. Currently, 28.9% of all employed persons in South Australia usually work between 1 to 34 hours a week - much higher than the national proportion of 25.5%. Original series data suggests that there is some underutilisation of the part-time work-force in South Australia. For example, 34.0% of all part-time workers worked between 1 to 10 hours a week in April 1997. Furthermore, 29.5% of all part-time employed persons indicated a preference to work more hours each week if they were made available.

The trend estimate of employed persons in Australia rose slightly to 8,413,000, thus continuing the growth evident since April 1996. Part-time employment continues to increase, reaching 2,147,000 in April 1997 (or an increase of 4.9% since April 1996). In contrast, full-time employment has fallen for six consecutive months.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
Change from previous quarter

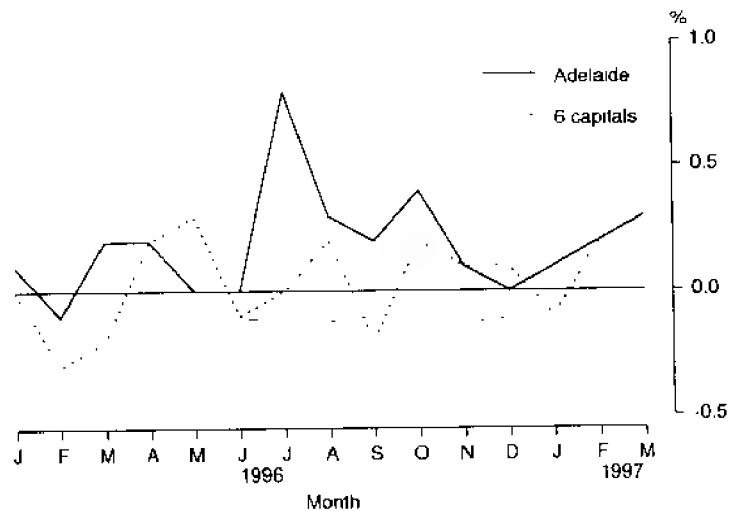


House Building Materials

The Price Index of Materials used in House Building increased 0.3% for the month of March 1997 for Adelaide, which was also the rise for the weighted average of the six State capitals.

A 2.5% increase was recorded for Adelaide in the twelve months to March 1997, with the weighted average of the six State capitals recording a rise of 1.1% for the same period.

MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING
Change from previous month



Non-house Building Materials

Adelaide recorded a fall of 0.3% for the month of March 1997 in the Price Index of Materials used in Building other than House Building. The weighted average of the six State capitals showed an increase of 0.1%. A decrease in the prices of elevators/escalators and ready mixed concrete, with rises in structural timber and some electrical components contributing to the movement.

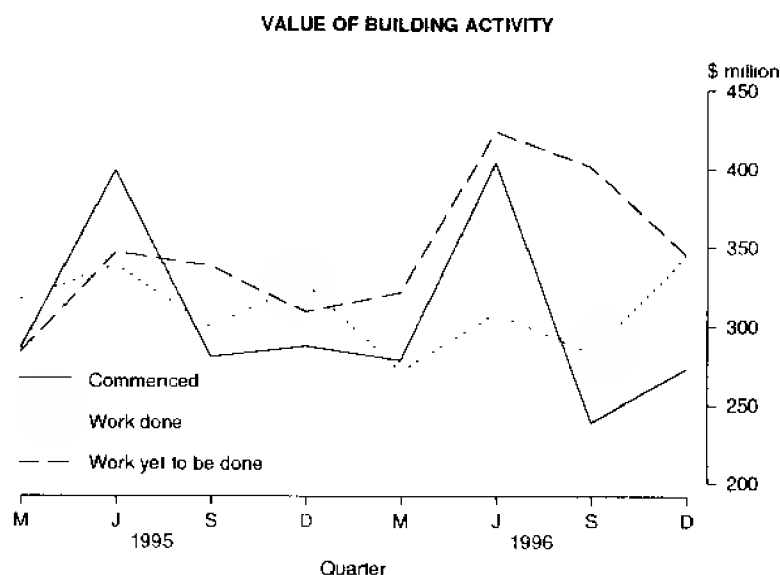
For the twelve months to March, Adelaide recorded a rise of 1.2% in the index, while the weighted average of the six State capitals recorded a rise of 0.8%.

Value of Total Building Activity

The total value of building work commenced in South Australia during the December quarter 1996 increased by 14.4% to \$273.5 million. This increase was mostly confined to the residential building sector which had increased by 23.1% to \$166.0 million from the previous quarters low of \$134.9 million.

The total value of building work done during the December quarter 1996 increased by 21.7% to \$344.6 million compared with an increase of 3.3% nationally. An increase in the value of building work done was recorded for both the residential and non-residential building sectors, 13.1% and 30.0% respectively.

For the December quarter 1996, the total value of building work yet to be done in South Australia was \$345.0 million a decrease of 14.0% from the previous quarter while the corresponding national figure increased by 1.3%. Expressed as a proportion of the national total, the total value of building work yet to be done in South Australia was 3.6% for the December quarter 1996 down from the previous quarter of 4.3%.



Value of Engineering Construction

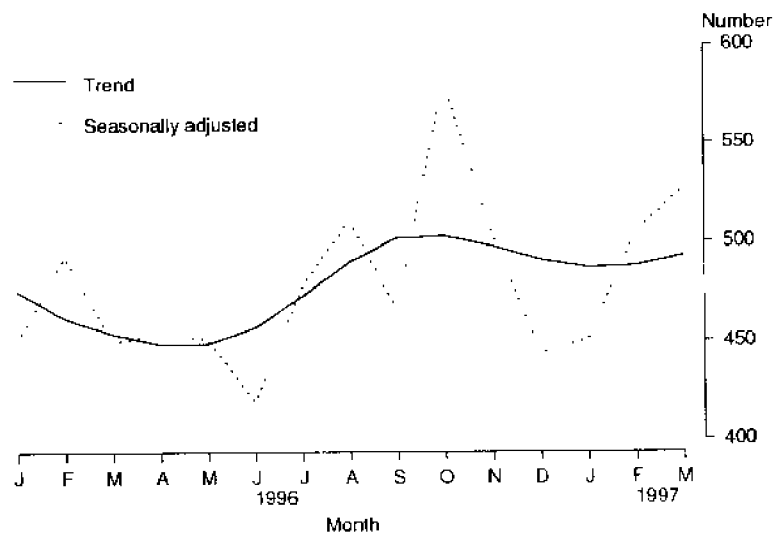
In the December quarter 1996, the value of engineering and construction work done in South Australia increased by 23.1% to \$186.1 million compared with a 1.9% decrease nationally. South Australia had a 4.9% share of the national total of \$3,762.3 million. The value of work commenced during the quarter fell by 21.3% to \$207.5 million for South Australia while the corresponding national figure fell by 17.2% to \$3,694.5 million. The South Australian proportion of national commencements was 5.6% for the December quarter 1996.

Prices

Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (all groups) in Adelaide showed no increase for the March quarter 1997. The annual movement in the index was 0.8%. The zero growth shown in the quarter comprised increases in health and personal care, recreation and education, and food groups being offset by decreases in the housing, and household equipment and operation groups. The comparative Australian data shows a 0.2% increase for the March quarter 1997 and an annual increase of 1.3%.

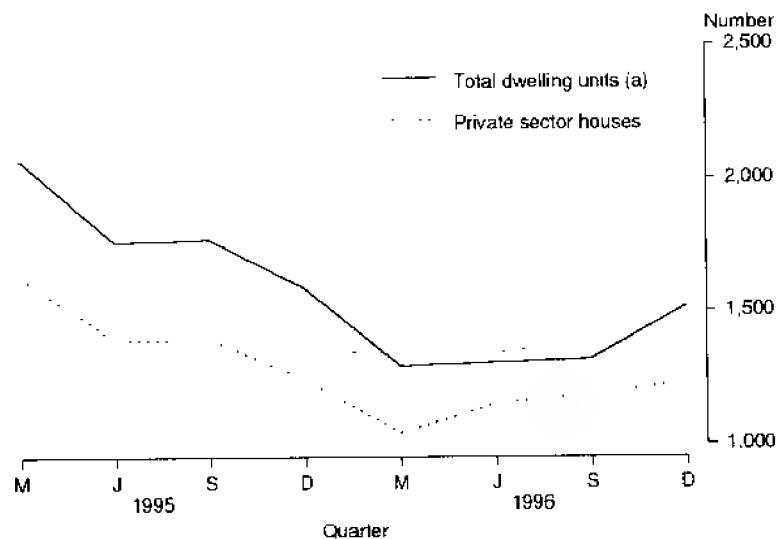
DWELLING UNITS APPROVED



Dwelling Commencements

From the Building Activity Survey, it was estimated that 1,517 dwelling units were commenced during the December quarter 1996. The latest figure represented a rise of 14.8% from the previous quarter compared with a 3.8% rise nationally. The December quarter 1996 figure for South Australia was 4.4% below the total for the December quarter 1995 while the national figure had increased 3.0% over the 12 month period.

DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED



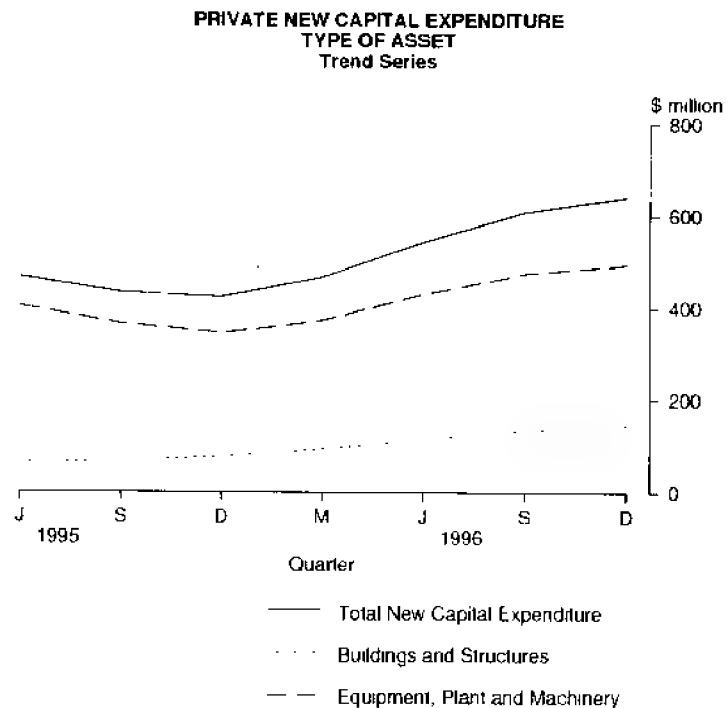
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Value of Building Approvals

The total value of building approved in March 1997 was \$86.1 million of which \$41.8 was new residential building and \$35.4 million non-residential building. The value of non-residential building fell by \$17.7 million from last month but mainly as a result of the inclusion of one project valued at \$22.1 million in February. The main class of building approved in March 1997 were shops and health premises which accounted for \$6.6 million and \$5.3 million respectively.

Private new capital expenditure in original terms for the December quarter 1996 was \$658 million, an increase of 4.4% from the September quarter 1996. Buildings and structures accounted for \$165 million, and equipment, plant and machinery \$493 million.

Information on expected capital expenditure data is contained in the Forward Outlook on pages 17 and 18.



Tourist Accommodation

When the December quarter 1996 is compared with the December quarter 1995, caravan parks capacity increased by 0.3% from 24,406 to 24,470 powered and unpowered sites, on-site vans and cabins. The number of site nights occupied increased from 610,646 to 625,110 and the site occupancy rate increased from 27.2% to 27.8%. Accommodation takings rose by 4.1%, from \$7.6 million to \$7.9 million, with the average takings per site night occupied increasing slightly from \$12.50 to \$12.70.

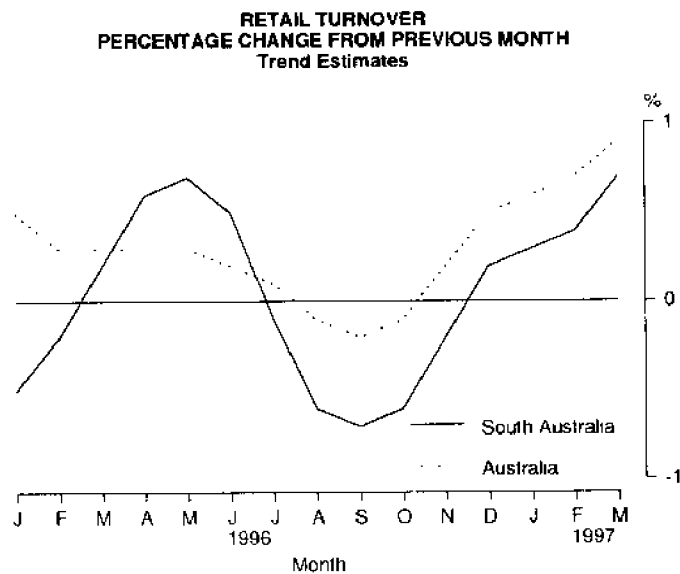
Production

Dwelling Approvals

The trend for total dwellings units approved increased by 1.0% in March 1997 and is 8.6% above the level of a year ago. In original terms, the number of dwelling unit approvals for March 1997 was 543, an increase of 15.0% from the previous month. Of these, 486 were private sector houses, the highest number since August 1995.

The March 1997 national trend estimate for the total number of dwelling units approved was up by 1.0% and was 13.2% more than the previous years estimate. In original terms, South Australia accounted for 5.2% of the total dwelling units approved in Australia during March 1997.

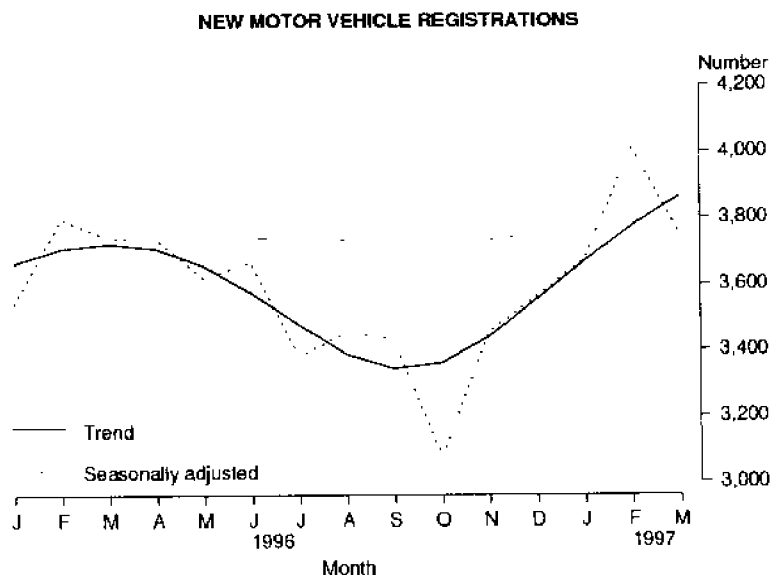
The seasonally adjusted estimate of retail trade in March 1997 decreased 0.3%. In original terms, South Australian retail turnover was \$739.2 million, an increase of 0.3% on March 1996.



New Motor Vehicle Registrations

The trend for total new motor vehicle registrations increased 2.4% in March 1997 and has risen each month since October 1996. The Australian figure for the same month increased 2.0%.

In original terms there were 3,627 new motor vehicles registered in March 1997, a decrease of 5.2% on February and a 6.2% decrease on March 1996. For new passenger vehicles, the leading makes registered in March 1997 were Ford (625 vehicles), Mitsubishi (588), Holden (574), Toyota (371) and Hyundai (251).



Private New Capital Expenditure

The trend estimate for private new capital expenditure in South Australia for the December quarter 1996 increased by 5.4% from the previous quarter and is a continuation of trend growth which commenced in December quarter 1995. The Australian figure fell by 0.3%.

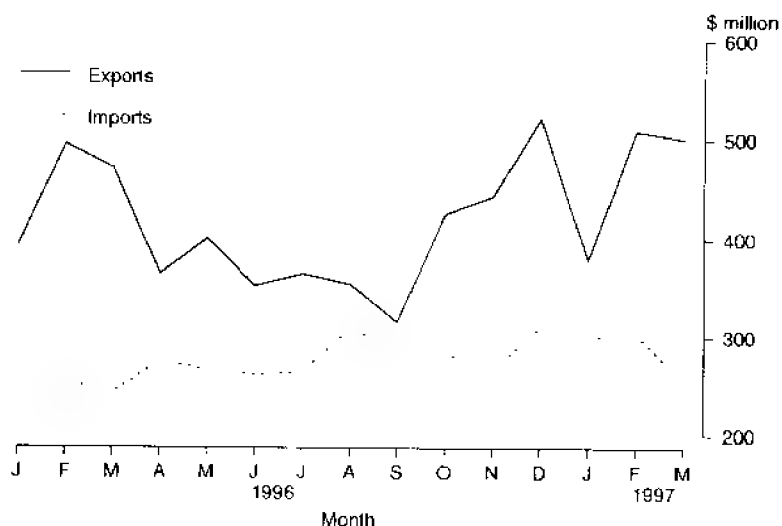
International Accounts

Exports

The March 1997 merchandise exports where the final stage of production was in South Australia were valued at \$500.9 million, a decrease of 1.6% on the previous month and a 6.5% increase on March 1996. Cereal and cereal preparations (\$117.8 million) was the largest commodity group exported during March and represented 23.5% of total exports. Road vehicles, parts and accessories also continued as a major contributor to South Australian exports with \$58.5 million. The machinery, and metals and metals manufactures groups also showed increases on February with all other selected commodity groups remaining approximately the same with the exception of petroleum products.

The major destinations of South Australian exports in March 1997 were the Middle East countries with a value of \$96.3 million, a consequence of cereal exports to that region. The United States of America was also a significant market at \$68.0 million. Exports to the European Community increased to \$66.6 million. Trade with the East Asia region fell to \$179.3 million after a record high of \$208.0 million in February 1997.

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS



Imports

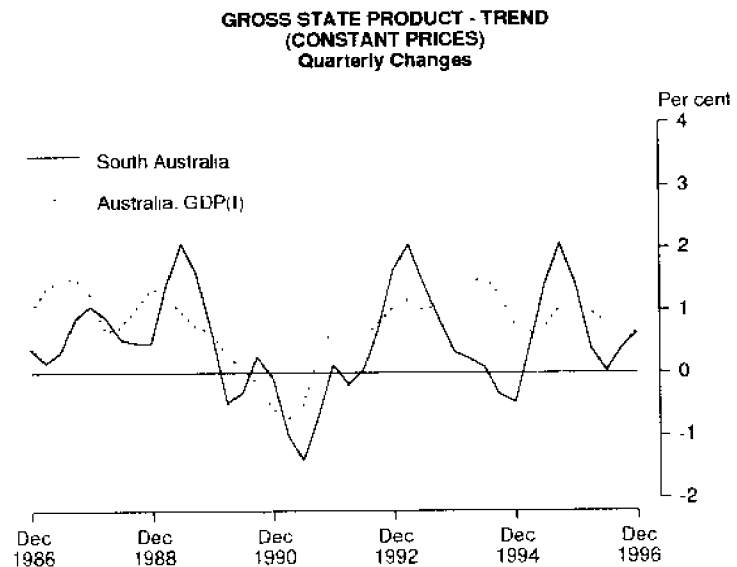
The value of merchandise imports released from Customs control in South Australia for March 1997 were \$257.3 million, a 15.3% decrease on the previous month and a 6.0% increase on March 1996. This was the lowest monthly figure recorded since March last year. The decrease on the previous month's data could mainly be attributed to the machinery commodity group which fell from \$96.0 million in February 1997 to \$50.8 million in March 1997.

Consumption and Investment

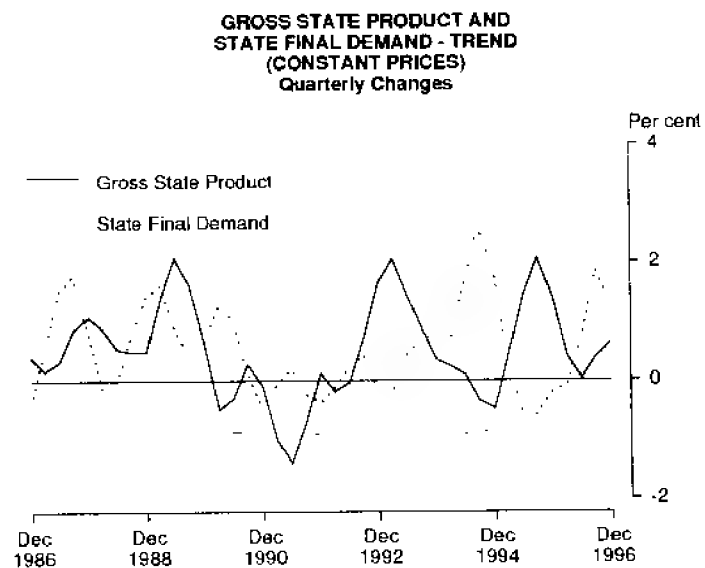
Retail Turnover

The March 1997 trend estimate of retail turnover recorded a 0.7% increase on February 1997 and has shown steady improvement over the past 4 months. All industry groups apart from recreational good retailing have shown growth in recent months. The Australian trend estimate has shown strong growth in recent months and recorded 0.9% increase in March 1997.

Over the past three months the trend estimate for South Australia increased by \$10.4 million, with major contributions of \$7.6 million in food retailing, \$2.2 million in department stores and \$1.2 million in other retailing partly offset by decreases of \$3.6 million in recreational good retailing.



State final demand (SFD) increased by 1.3% in the December quarter and has, for the past three quarters, grown at a faster rate than GSP. December quarter growth in SFD was the highest of all States and more than double the national average. The most significant factor was an 8.0% increase in private gross fixed capital expenditure, in particular expenditure on equipment. Expenditure on dwellings rose for the first time since September quarter 1994.



Private final consumption expenditure was flat in the December quarter. The increase of 0.8% through the year to December quarter 1996 was the third lowest growth rate of any State.

State Accounts

NOTE: Deficiencies in the data sources used to estimate gross operating surplus for recent quarters may at times lead to the current price estimates of gross state product GSP(I) being under or over stated for particular States. Consequently, the measured growth rate for constant price GSP(I) for those States will also be affected.

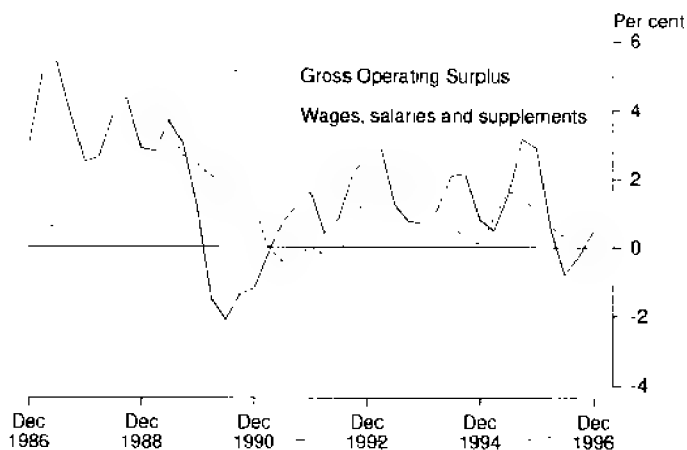
The constant price series for gross state product (GSP) have been labelled as 'experimental'. Users are cautioned that these estimates are derived indirectly by calculating a deflator from the expenditure components. It is emphasised that, at times, movements that can not be fully explained may be introduced into the constant price GSP(I) series through the use of this proxy deflator.

Trend Estimates (Current Prices)

Gross state product (GSP) grew by 0.5% in the December quarter compared with a 0.6% increase in the national average. This represented a significant improvement on the fall of 0.2% and the increase of 0.1% recorded in the June and September quarters, respectively. The annual growth rate of 0.9% was the lowest of all States.

Wages, salaries and supplements increased 0.9% in December quarter 1996 and 2.4% in the year ending December 1996. The annual change was the second lowest of all States.

WAGES, SALARIES AND SUPPLEMENTS AND
GROSS OPERATING SURPLUS
CURRENT PRICES - TREND
Quarterly Changes



After recording falls in each of the two previous quarters, gross operating surplus grew by 0.5%. The annual growth rate of -0.1% was the lowest of all States.

Indirect taxes less subsidies fell by 1.0% in the December quarter, the third successive quarterly decline.

Trend Estimates (Constant Prices)

The experimental estimate of GSP at constant prices grew by 0.6% in the December quarter and by 1.5% through the year to December quarter 1996.

REVIEW

South Australian Overview

- The March 1997 merchandise exports where the final stage of production was in South Australia were valued at \$500.9 million a 6.5% increase on March 1996 whilst the value of merchandise imports released from Customs control increased 6.0% to \$257.3 million for the same period.
- The March 1997 trend estimate of retail turnover recorded a 0.7% increase on February 1997 and has shown steady improvement over the past 4 months.
- The trend for total new motor vehicle registrations increased 2.4% in March 1997 and has risen each month since October 1996.
- The trend for total dwelling units approved in March 1997 increased by 1.0% and is 8.6% above the level of a year ago.
- The Consumer Price Index (all groups) in Adelaide showed no increase for the March quarter 1997.
- The Price Index of Materials used in House Building recorded a rise of 0.3% for the month of March 1997 for Adelaide whilst the index for Materials used in Building other than House Building decreased by 0.3%.
- The trend estimate of employed persons in South Australia has increased for six consecutive months, reaching 663,600 in April 1997.
- The trend unemployment rate for South Australia has shown little change since January 1996 and was 9.5% in April 1997.
- The trend estimate of average weekly ordinary time earnings of full-time adult employees increased 1.0% for the three months to February 1997.
- In February 1997, 8,751 short term overseas visitors arrived in South Australia, the highest February number for a decade. There were 8,432 short term resident departures overseas from South Australia in February 1997.
- The trend estimate for the value of owner-occupied housing commitments decreased by 0.9% in March 1997 and continues the levelling off in the series since the beginning of the year.
- Total commercial finance commitments for March 1997 increased 26.8% to \$526.6 million after two low months in January and February.
- The value of goods under new finance lease commitments remained low for the third consecutive month, with March down 8.7%, 45.1% below March 1996.

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